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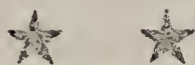
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OF SPOTSYLVANIA CO., VA.,
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

THE HERNDONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(Being THE HERNDON FAMILY OF VIRGINIA:
Volume Two)

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of Charlotte County, Virginia, and His
Known Descendants through the Seventh
Generation of the Family in America

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of
Those Men and Women
who
With Unfailing Loyalty
to
The Cause of American Independence
served
In the Armed Forces or as Civil Officers
of
Any of the Several Colonies or States
which
Under the Providence of God
became
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
or
Were Recognized Patriots
or
Rendered Material Aid to Their State

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To Those Intrepid Souls
Who Helped to Win the Freedom
That Has Been Our Priceless Heritage
and who
On Frontiers Fraught with Danger
Built for Our Security

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To ALL SUCH HEROES
I Dedicate
THE HERNDONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
 Thou maintainest my lot.
 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
 Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Psalms 16:5-6

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Proverbs 22:1

Except the LORD build the house,
 They labour in vain that build it.

Psalms 127:1

Broad-streeted Richmond

The trees in the streets are old trees used to living with people,
 Family-trees that remember your grandfather's name.

Stephen Vincent Benet: *John Brown's Body*, Book 4

He serves me most who serves his country best.

Alexander Pope: *The Iliad of Homer*, Book X, line 201

PREFACE

In 1947 after I had completed *The Herndon Family of Virginia: Volume One—The First Three Generations*, I decided that Volume Two should appear under the title, *The Herndons of the American Revolution*. The manuscript was prepared, and a part of it was actually set in type. Its content, however, was strictly limited to an identification of the various Herndons for whom I had found a record of service during the Revolution and to a recitation of what that service was. Friends whom I consulted urged me to change the style of its presentation so as to follow the arrangement, by families, usually observed in genealogical writings, and to include whatever significant data I had found applicable to each person of the fourth and fifth generation, whether it pertained to his or her part in the American Revolution or not.

Their advice was good, and so in 1948 I reprepared my manuscript, and added the names of the children of the members of the fifth generation. In other words, I extended the scope to include the names of the sixth generation and their spouses. When my friendly critics saw the result, they wisely recommended that an expansion be made to include a statement of the places and dates of birth, death, marriage, and occasionally of burial of all known members of the sixth generation and a note as to whether they left issue. Hundreds of pages of manuscript were then rewritten to include that information.

Some of these loyal friends, on reading individual sketches which I sent them, stressed their desire then to see a record of another whole generation added, by my listing corresponding information about the seventh generation. They explained that it would make the published work much more valuable, and that it would enable hundreds of persons to determine their own Herndon descent with far greater ease.

So once more I began the writing of the additional records from data I had previously assembled. (Of course, during this period of time correspondents were adding information and correcting details in previously supplied material.) It was then 1949. I was still expecting to include all this wealth of material in a single volume. But, as the year advanced, I realized better than ever before the size of the task I had set for myself. I decided that I must break up the work into Parts and complete the various Parts successively.

By the spring of 1950 I found that I then had ready for printing all that was to be included in Parts I and II. Part III was nearly ready.

THE PLAN It is my plan to have a Part deal with all the known descendants in the fourth and through the seventh generation of a person mentioned in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* as a grandchild of William Herndon, founder of the Virginia family. Thus Part One will treat of the family of John Herndon, of Charlotte County; Part Two with the family of Edward Herndon, of Spotsylvania County; Part Three with the family of William Herndon, of Orange County, Va., and so on. Some errors in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* have, of course, been discovered. In the various Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* corrections of those errors will be made in appropriate places.

FEMALE LINES I have made no serious attempt to include herein a detailed record of Herndon descendants in the female line. Yet when appropriate information concerning them has been furnished me or when my own researches have revealed data pertinent to them, I have included a statement of that material, with citation to the source from which it was obtained.

MARRIAGE RECORDS In both Virginia and North Carolina the use of marriage bonds rather than marriage licenses was general from about 1783 until past the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Great numbers of these have been lost. They were originally in the custody of county officials.

In Virginia some have been transferred to the State Library at Richmond. Others were sent there temporarily for transcription or photostating. Still others of the extant bonds remain in the county courthouses, some not even indexed. With the passing years these records which were for so long a time inaccessible to the general public are commencing to be more readily available, either in printed lists in genealogical publications or in the Archives Division of the State Library.

In North Carolina most of the still existing marriage bonds have been typed, and are in volumes, arranged by counties, with a complete index in each case to brides as well as to grooms. In Granville County there is an index only to brides, none to grooms! Copies of the volumes may be consulted either in the Archives at Raleigh or in Continental Hall, Washington, D. C.

In this book I have regularly given the marriage bond date as the date of marriage, except in those cases in which I have a record of the latter as being different from the former. Since such bonds and, somewhat later, marriage licenses are nearly always arranged chronologically in the

county records, I have omitted page references. When, however, information about the date of a marriage has come to me from other than an official source, I have tried, in each case, to give credit to the person who contributed it to me.

PROBATES The first step in probating a Will is, of course, the presentation of it to the appropriate court. In some States the Will is then said to be *probated*; in others, *proved*; in others, *presented for probate*; in others, *placed on register*, and so forth. The actual probate is subsequent to this action. To a genealogist, however, the date when a Will is first presented to the court is of importance, for if that date is coupled with the date when the Will was signed or the last codicil thereto was added, there is definitely established the limited period within which the testator must have died. It has been my usual practice to use the term *proved* to signify that a Will was offered for probate. If the actual date of death is known, the genealogical significance of the date of probate disappears.

CENSUS RECORDS When I have lacked the exact dates of birth of the children in a family, I have frequently found their ages given in the Federal Census of 1850, 1860, 1870, or 1880. I have utilized such information without specifying the source of my statement as to the year of birth shown. Similarly, when a man is shown to be living in 1860 but his name is not shown in the next enumeration but instead his formerly listed wife is shown as then the head of what had been his family, I have ordinarily assumed that she is his widow. In such a case I would give the date of his death as "probably 1860-1870." When successive censuses have shown wide disparities in the age of an individual, I have had to rely on other data even to estimate an approximate date of birth.

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS The original source material which I examined for the preparation of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* is located either in The National Archives at Washington or in the Archives of the various States mentioned. In the various Parts of this book I have quoted in detail the priceless information extracted from all types of service records and pension papers. I have used secondary material only when I have tested its reliability for complete accuracy in many particulars, and also when it was impossible for me to seek out the original documents themselves. Nearly every item quoted is one which I personally examined in its present official abiding place.

LATER MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS Although the purpose of this book is to honor those brave men and women who patriotically contributed to the winning of The American Revolution, I have included herein a brief mention of the services rendered by Herndons of later generations in the War of 1812, the Indian Wars, and the Mexican War. I have made no attempt to give a full record of such service. I have, I am glad to note, what is supposed to be a complete list of the Herndons who were enroled in the Armed Forces of our Nation in all our wars from the Revolution through the Spanish-American and an official abstract of their participation.

RECORDS of 1861-1865: UNION AND CONFEDERATE The fact that I have mentioned in the text that a person served in the Union or Confederate Army must not be taken to imply that others in that family did not also serve. My Civil War records are too voluminous to be presented herein in any detail. I have, moreover, not hesitated to use the term "Civil War." When I was a student at Washington and Lee University, the expression "War between the States" had not gained currency. The passage of forty years has not caused me to see what is gained by the longer title. Once while I was examining some records at Spotsylvania Courthouse I saw in an old book that that titanic conflict was called "Virginia's Second War for Independence." My records are of brave men who lived and fought, and many of whom died for what they held most dear. Some were Union soldiers; more were Confederate soldiers. My own Herndons were all on the Confederate side of the struggle, which I call the Civil War, as they did also.

NICKNAMES Among the problems confronting an indexer one of the very troublesome ones concerns nicknames. I commend to your consideration, in looking for any individual's name in the index, a thought as to the other names by which he or she may well have been called. Then see whether a person by such a name is listed.

COUSINS Because some folks have difficulty in understanding how degrees of cousinship are computed I have prepared the accompanying chart. It is simpler than it looks!

APPEAL FOR CORRECTION OF ERRORS I shall be most pleased to receive information concerning members of the Herndon family which is either additional to that contained herein or in correction of it. If the reader has any dates to supply, either of birth, marriage, or death, I hope he or she will send them to me. If any old family letters give pertinent

and interesting facts not likely to be otherwise generally known, I shall be pleased to receive copies of them. If any family Bibles give data not already in my possession, I shall be delighted to receive copies, photostatic, handwritten, or typewritten. It is my plan to have a special Part of *ad-denda et errata*. If you prefer *corrigenda* to the uglier intimations and insinuations of *errata*, you may call your corrections of my errors by this milder term. I sincerely trust that the number of errors is slight and that the number of contributions of new material will be substantial. This planned Part dealing with such items will be scheduled to appear on completion of the last of the regular Parts. Whether its number will be 13 or 16 is now unimportant.

ABBREVIATIONS The use of abbreviations have been reduced to a minimum. Those used herein include, however, the following regularly found in standard genealogical works:

b	for born
ca	<i>circa</i> , about or approximately
d	died
dsp	died <i>sine prole</i> , without issue
m	married
mb	marriage bond

In addition, mention must be made of the following:

CSRNC	<i>Colonial and State Records of North Carolina</i>
HFV	J. G. Herndon: <i>The Herndon Family of Virginia: The First Three Generations</i>
NCRAA	North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts (in the Archives, Raleigh, N. C.)
VCA	Beverly Fleet: <i>Virginia Colonial Abstracts</i>

Of course, the letters CSA and USA are used to mean Confederate States Army and United States Army, respectively, or Confederate or United States of America, according to the context.

After the first citation to J. M. Gwathmey's *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution* and G. M. Brumbaugh's *Virginia Revolutionary Records* they are referred to merely as *Gwathmey* or *Brumbaugh*.

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In footnotes to various sketches in all the Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* I have attempted to record the names of those who have furnished me information about individual members of the Herndon family. But I realize full well how inadequate such an expression of my appreciation is—as if I could crowd into a line at the bottom of a page the real sense of indebtedness I feel to each of my 800 correspondents who, by his or her generosity of time and suggestions and contributions of family records, has enriched this study.

In my earlier work, *The Herndon Family of Virginia: The First Three Generations*, I singled out for special recognition certain persons who had been of unusual assistance to me in its preparation. Now it becomes my privilege to name others who in various ways have been very helpful in the completion and presentation of this more ambitious opus, *The Herndons of the American Revolution*. The Reverend Clayton Torrence, FASG, and Meredith B. Colket, Jr., M.A., FASG, have never ceased to encourage me from the very start of my effort. The former, more than any other person, taught me the standards of genealogical excellence toward which I should strive. I have not achieved his felicity of expression whereby the *personae dramatis* of his genealogical sketches all become flesh and blood characters whom you would recognize if, by turning backward the wheel of time, you might meet them on the street or in the marketplace, on their plantation, at church, or at a county courthouse somewhere in Virginia or North Carolina; but I have recognized the importance of giving information additional to dates of birth, marriage, and death. Meredith Colket, though full of honors, is still in his thirties. When he was a student at Haverford College, he majored in Government under me. With the passing years our friendship has grown even closer. He has never let up in his enthusiasm to see my Herndon data arranged and printed. In the past few years I have all but majored in Genealogy under him! Only in small measure can I acknowledge my unpayable debt to my beloved wife, Grace Middleton Herndon, for her cheeriness of spirit, for her extraordinary patience with me while I sought out knowledge of Herndons who had long since passed from earth, and for her travels with me to courthouses at which she hoped I would not stop. We have had wonderful times together on genealogical quests in England and all over the United States, and our lives have been enriched by the friendships that have blossomed from the contacts then made. Of these I here take note of two. "Top priority" ratings are given to Martha

Gilmore (Mrs. R. G.) Robinson, of New Orleans, La., and Ruth Herndon (Mrs. C. W.) Shields, of Chapel Hill, N. C., both of whom have an intense love for solving baffling puzzles of family relationship. Each of these has given untold hours toward making my Herndon records more nearly complete. Mrs. Shields' compilations are, in fact, so thorough that I hope that she may be persuaded to publish them as a sort of source book on the history of Orange County, North Carolina.

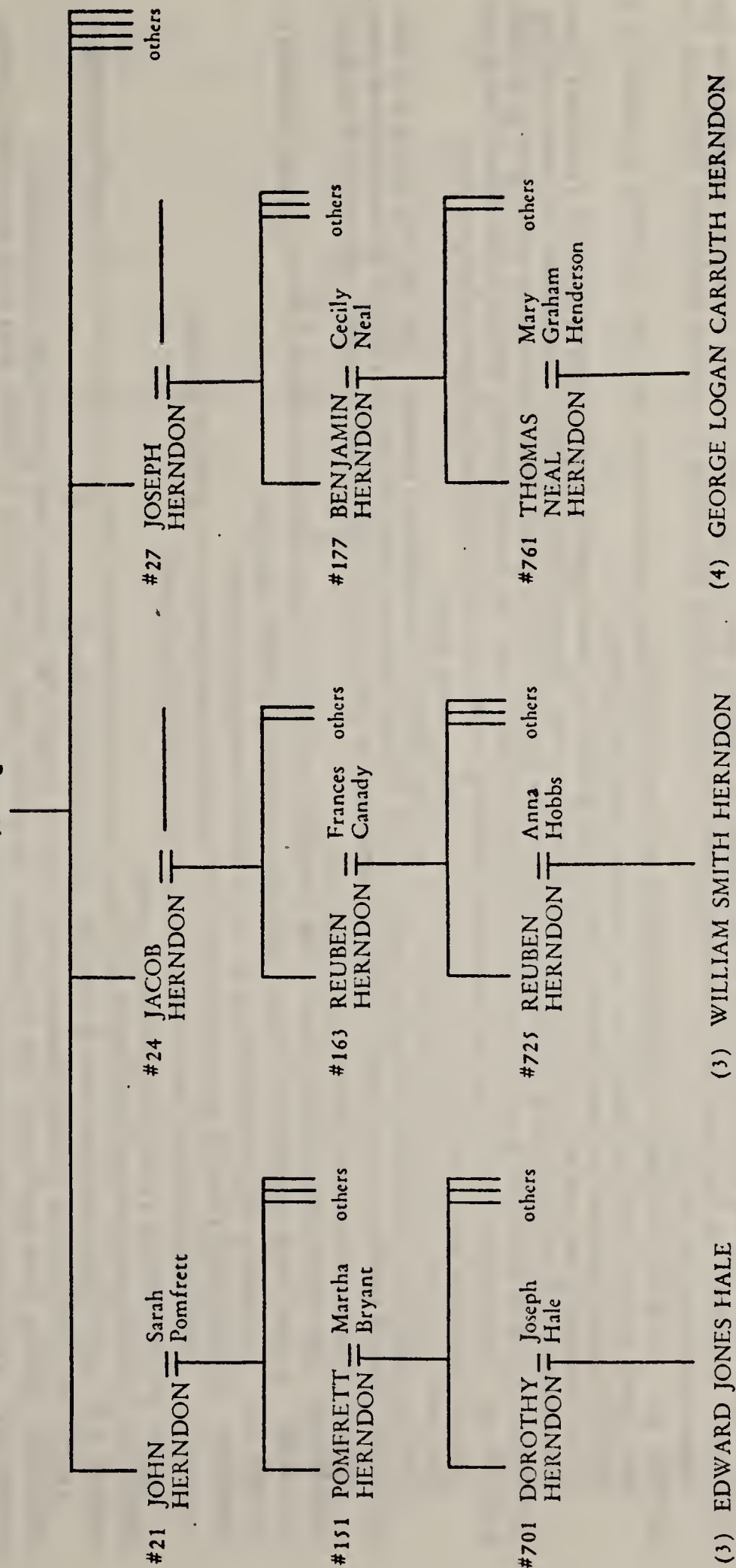
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Three public servants deserve recognition here for aid they rendered me "beyond the call of duty", a phrase that applies with striking validity to them: Hon. E. M. Lynch, of Hillsboro, N. C., Mrs. W. S. West, of the staff of the North Carolina Department of History and Archives, Raleigh, and Mrs. Margaret M. H. Finch, who retired in 1949 from her position in the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C., where for many years she was in charge of Revolutionary War pension claims.

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Principle #1: The children of brothers (or sisters) are first cousins.

Illustration: Pomfrett #151, Reuben #163, and Benjamin Herndon #177 were first cousins.

Principle #2: The children of first cousins are second cousins to one another.

Illustration: Dorothy #701, Reuben #725, and Thomas Neal Herndon #761 were second cousins.

Principle #3: The children of second cousins are third cousins to one another.

Illustration: Edward Jones Hale, third child of Dorothy (Herndon) Hale, William Smith Herndon, third child of Reuben Herndon [#725], and George Logan Carruth Herndon, fourth child of Thomas Neal Herndon, were third cousins to one another.

Principle #4: The child of one's first cousin is his or her first-cousin-once-removed.

Illustration: Thomas Neal Herndon was Pomfrett Herndon's first-cousin-once-removed; Dorothy Herndon was a first-cousin-once-removed of both Reuben Herndon [#163] and Benjamin Herndon.

Principle #5: The grandchild of one's first cousin is his or her first-cousin-twice-removed.

Illustration: William Smith Herndon was a first-cousin-twice-removed of both Pomfrett and Benjamin Herndon.

Principle #6: The child of one's second cousin is his or her second-cousin-once-removed.

Illustration: William Smith Herndon was a second-cousin-once-removed to Dorothy Herndon.

Principle #7: The relationship between a person of one generation and a cousin of some degree in an earlier generation is best expressed by reference back to an ancestor of the same earlier generation.

Illustration: George Logan Carruth Herndon, if asked his relationship to Jacob Herndon, should have answered, "He was my great-grandfather's brother" or "He was my grandfather's uncle." If he had been asked his kinship to Pomfrett Herndon, his proper answer would have been, "He was my grandfather's first cousin." If asked his relationship to Dorothy (Herndon) Hale, his reply should have been, "She and my father were second cousins" or "She was my father's second cousin."

Principle #8: No distinction is made between nephews and nieces of the whole blood and nephews and nieces of the half blood.

Illustration: Elizabeth Herndon [#702], not shown in the Chart, married twice. By her first husband, she had, among others, a son Daniel Burnett; and by her second husband she had among others, a son Anthony Street. Daniel Burnett was uncle to the children of Anthony Street. Anthony Street was uncle to the children of Daniel Burnett. Anthony Street's children were nephews and nieces, not half-nephews and not half-nieces, to Daniel Burnett. Similarly the Burnett and Street children, grandchildren of Elizabeth (Herndon) [Burnett] Street [#702], were first cousins, not half-cousins or half-first-cousins.

Principle #9: All direct descendants of a mutual ancestor are more closely related to one another than they are to any descendant of a brother or sister of that ancestor.

Illustration: Descendants of John Herndon, of Caroline County, Va., however slight their degree of Herndon kinship, are more closely related than they are to any descendant of any of the brothers or sisters of that John Herndon; because to establish relationship, in the latter case, it would be necessary to go back to Edward Herndon [#2] as a mutual ancestor.

Principle #10: If a descendant of John Herndon married a descendant of one of John's brothers or sisters or cousins, their children would be equally related to different Herndon lines, and so far as they are concerned the principle stated immediately above would not apply.

Illustration: Mary Ellen Herndon [#706(4)] married Dr. Stephen Decatur Herndon, her fourth-cousin-once-removed. Their children were, of course, much more closely related to many of their father's relatives than they were to many descendants of John Herndon [#5].

THIRD GENERATION

#5 JOHN HERNDON of Charlotte County, Va. (eldest son of Edward Herndon and his wife Mary Waller) was born about 1700, probably in King and Queen County, Va. It is likely that he was named for his mother's father, Dr. John Waller. As he is not mentioned in the early Caroline records which begin in 1732, we do not know in which of the counties whose records have been destroyed he lived prior to 1757.

In a bill of sale, dated 30 May 1757, from William Moore to him John Herndon was described as a resident of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County.¹ The sale and purchase was of a negro woman named Sue, the price being £50. One of the witnesses was James Bouldin who later married Sally Watkins, one of John Herndon's nieces.

Shortly before his father died, John went to Caroline County, presumably to be with his father in his final days, for he was a witness to his Will which was offered for probate 9 March 1758.² Soon thereafter he seems to have gone to visit his brother Edward in Spotsylvania. There he witnessed Edward's Will 4 February 1759 but did not remain to testify when it was probated 5 November 1759.³ Instead he returned to Caroline County where 8 November 1759 the Caroline Court appointed him an appraiser of the estate of his uncle William Herndon.⁴

These family visits ended any known records of his travels from his home county. On his motion the Lunenburg Court at its September 1761 term ordered Samuel Wilson to pay John Herndon for his attendance five days in Court as a witness for Wilson in his suit against John Trail.⁵ Charlotte County was erected from Lunenburg in 1765. Thereafter until his death he was a resident of Charlotte.

On 11 January 1770 he purchased from Thomas Morris, of the Parish of St. Andrew, Brunswick County, whose wife Grace relinquished her dower rights thereto, a tract of 737 acres on the north side of the Stanton River which adjoined Col. Byrd's corner and Cargill's line.⁶ On 2 July 1770 he executed a deed of trust on this property in favor of Richard

¹ *Lunenburg County Deed Book 5: 57.*

² *Caroline County Order Book 4: 339.*

³ *Spotsylvania County Will Book B: 435.*

⁴ *Caroline County Order Book 5: 85.*

⁵ *Lunenburg County Order Book 7: 137 (2).*

⁶ *Charlotte County Deed Book 2: 317 and 3: 566.*

Jones, of Halifax County.⁷ The consideration in both transactions was £140. Witnesses included Archelaus McNabb, Samuel Burks, and Richard Witton, Jr.

He subsequently acquired, but the deed is not of record, title to 374 acres. These were assessed at 6/- per acre in 1782 when John Herndon's tax thereon was £1 2s. 6d. He was also taxed that year on account of his ownership of 13 slaves. By a deed of gift dated 30 March 1782 he gave to his son Joseph Herndon "for love and affection" the above-mentioned tract whereon John Herndon as well as Joseph and his family lived, described as adjoining the lands of Col. Lewis Burwell, Adam Finch, and Thomas Hord, and personal property which included six slaves, all the cattle, hogs, sheep, household and kitchen furniture which the donor owned, a mare name "Aga", a three-year old gelding, and a colt one year old. The deed of gift was recorded 2 September 1782.⁸ Nevertheless the tax assessments from 1783 through 1786 were entered jointly against John and Joseph. In 1783 they owned 14 slaves, 7 horses, and 50 cattle. Only six taxpayers in the county had more extensive personal property: Edward Moseley, Sr., Thomas Hord, Mary Read, Thomas Bedford, Sr., Edward Ruffin, and Wood Jones. Paul Carrington had 70 head of cattle, the greatest number owned by one taxpayer in Charlotte County. Three years later, at the time of John Herndon's death, he and his son Joseph were jointly taxed on 13 slaves, nine horses, and 55 cattle.⁹

Of course John Herndon had no military service during the Revolution; but since the deed of gift of all his property was not made until 30 March 1782, *he was, quite as much as his son Joseph, the contributor of the supplies furnished for the use of the Army which are noted under the latter's name.*

Neither the name of the wife of John Herndon nor anything about her is known to be of record.

The Will of the old gentleman and the record of its probate read as follows: ¹⁰

In the name of God Amen: I, JOHN HERNDON of the County of Charlotte, being in perfect health and sound in mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament, viz.: I leave my soul with God that gave it, my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors, in a full assurance of its resurrection at the last day; and as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow on me a small share of this world's wealth, I mean to dispose of it in the manner and form following:

⁷ *Charlotte County Deed Book 2: 414.*

⁸ *Charlotte County Deed Book 5: 10.*

⁹ *From Charlotte County Tax Records (Virginia State Library, Richmond).*

¹⁰ *Charlotte County Will Book 1: 382.*

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN HERNDON one shilling sterling and no more.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter PRISCILLA LANGFORD one shilling and no more.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son JAMES HERNDON one shilling sterling and no more.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son JACOB HERNDON two negroes, namely Caesar and Prince, and no more.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter MARY CLAYTON, the wife of THOMAS CLAYTON, three negroes, namely, Peter, Braddock, and Breck and their increase, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter ANN TUREMAN, the wife of MARTIN TUREMAN, four negroes, namely, Lott, Edmund, Tom, and Amey and their increase, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

For which I appoint and ordain my son JACOB HERNDON and JAMES WATKINS whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament, making void all other writings, wills and testaments heretofore made, except the deed of gift I made my son JOSEPH HERNDON.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 16th day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

Sign'd, seal'd in presence
of us

THOMAS FINCH

JOHN FINCH

MATTHIAS MEALER

/s/ JOHN HERNDON L. S.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 5th day of June 1786:

The last will and testament of JOHN HERNDON, deceased, was exhibited in Court by JACOB HERNDON and JAMES WATKINS, the executors therein named, and the same was proved by the oath of THOMAS FINCH, JOHN FINCH, and MATTHIAS MEALER, the witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of JACOB HERNDON, who made oath according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form, he giving security: whereupon he, with JOHN MIDDLETON and BENJAMIN WATKINS, his security, joined into and acknowledged their bond according to law for that purpose, and the said JAMES WATKINS, the other executor, renounced in open Court the burden and execution of the said Will.

Teste: THOMAS READ, Cl.

Truly recorded: THOMAS READ, Cl.

Children of John Herndon of Charlotte County, Va.:

21 JOHN m SARAH POMFRETT.

22 PRISCILLA m HENRY LANGFORD.

23 JAMES.

24 JACOB m ———.

25 MARY m THOMAS CLAYTON.

26 ANN m MARTIN TUREMAN.

27 JOSEPH m twice.

FOURTH GENERATION

#21 JOHN HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born about 1724, probably in Caroline County, Va. No other member of the first four generations of the family in this country is known to have lived in so many different communities as did he.

He married about 1744 SARAH POMFRETT, then of Caroline County, whose parents are believed to have been John Pomfrett and Mary De Jarnett. Sarah's grandfather John Pomfrett (b ca 1675) came with his first cousin John Waller (later Col. John Waller of Spotsylvania) to Virginia at least as early as 1695, for they were among the headrights on account of whom a land patent was issued that year to Richard Littlepage.¹ Her brother John Pomfrett (1720-1804) married Ann Hunt (1723-1794) of Granville County, N. C.,² while her sisters also lived in that County, wives of John Edwards and John Gooch.

On 31 March 1752 Anthony Metcalf of Brunswick County, Va., conveyed to "John Herndon of the County of Amelia" 240 acres in Brunswick on the lower side of Avents Creek, next to the lands of William Knight and Howard Hulin, the consideration being £23.³ John Herndon remained in Brunswick until 1763, when on the 25th of September he sold to Nathan Hall for £80 the plantation he had purchased eleven years earlier.⁴

On 19 February 1763 Daniel Hunter, of Granville County, N. C., sold two adjoining properties, one containing 215 acres to William Briant (Bryant), the other of 216 acres to John Herndon. Both purchasers were designated as "of Brunswick County in the Colony of Virginia."⁵

¹ There seems to be a substantial likelihood that this John Pomfrett was a son of John Pomfrett (said to have been born 2 February 1643), whose sister Mary Pomfrett m 13 January 1669 Dr. John Waller. [See HFV 7, also Wm. and Mary Quarterly, Second Series, Vol. 22: 312-316.] Credit is due to Miss Ann Waller Reddy, Richmond, Va., for calling the Richard Littlepage land patent reference to the compiler's attention.

² This John Pomfrett was taxed on 275 acres and 11 slaves in King William County, Va., 1782. By 1787 he was in Granville. He and Ann Hunt had six daughters and two sons. The sons were named Joseph and John and died young. With their passing and the death of their father the Pomfrett male line in this country seems to have ended. The daughters were Frances who m John Blackwell, Mary who m Isaac Butler, Amey who m James Smith, Elizabeth who m Peter Bennett, Sally who m Stephen Beasley, and Ann, who died young. All these daughters except Ann were mentioned in the Will of James Hunt, 1795 (*Granville County Will Book 4*: 177).

³ *Brunswick County Deed Book 5*: 203.

⁴ *Brunswick County Deed Book 7*: 355.

⁵ *Granville County Deed Book F*: 218-219, 219-221.

The lands conveyed were situated on both sides of Tabbs Creek and Ruin Creek, then in Granville, now in Warren County. John Herndon paid £110 in Virginia currency for his 216 acres; William Bryant, £70 for his 215 acres. Each witnessed the deed to the other.

On 29 May 1765 John Herndon and Daniel Hunter were witnesses to a deed of sale of land from Isham Parkham to John Smith.⁶ It was from this John Smith that Daniel Hunter had acquired the tracts⁷ that he had sold to William Bryant and John Herndon.

On 20 April 1766 William Briant, describing himself as "of Brunswick County, in the Colony of Virginia", in consideration of £130 conveyed to John Herndon "then of Bute County in the Province of North Carolina" the 215 acres which he, William Briant, had purchased in 1763 from Daniel Hunter.⁸ Witnesses to this deed were Sarah Herndon, wife of the transferee, and John Herndon, son of the transferee.⁹

Sometime between the two dates just mentioned, 29 May 1765 and 20 April 1766, the subject of this sketch was in Bute County, but by 5 August 1766 he had resettled in Granville, for then he was plaintiff in a suit adjudicated as follows:¹⁰

In the Action of Trespass on the Case Between JOHN HERNDON Plf and ROBERT HIGHTOWER Defd a Jury being Elected Tried and Sworn well and truly to enquire of the damages upon their Oath do say that they find for the Plf Four Shillings Prov Money damages Wherefore it is considered by the Court that the Plf recover against the Defd the damages Afs^d in Manner and form afs^d assessed with costs.

Another proof of the return of John Herndon to Granville is found in a deed dated 4 January 1767 wherein he reconveyed to William Bryant for £137 the 215 acre tract which Bryant had transferred to him the previous year. In that deed of reconveyance he called himself "John Herndon, of Granville County, late of Bute County."¹¹

On 8 August 1767 John Herndon made a deed of gift to his son Pomfrett of the 216 acre tract in Granville County which he had purchased in 1763 from Daniel Hunter. Therein the donor states that the gift was made:¹²

⁶ *Granville Deed Book H*: 134.

⁷ *Granville County Deed Book D*: 14.

⁸ *Granville County Deed Book H*: 132.

⁹ Witnesses to deeds were acceptable if they were 16 years old or above, according to information furnished the compiler by the Register of Deeds of Granville County in 1935.

¹⁰ *Granville County Court Minutes, 1757-1767*: 150.

¹¹ *Granville County Deed Book H*: 293.

¹² *Granville County Deed Book H*: 366.

as well as for and in consideration of the love and affection which he hath and beareth unto the said PUMFRETT his son as also for the better maintenance and preferment of the said POMFRETT.

There were two witnesses to this deed. One was Priscilla Langford, sister of the donor; the other was Humphrey Herndon, second son of the donor. It is the view of the compiler of this genealogy that the gift was a twenty-first birthday present to Pomfrett Herndon, eldest son of John and Sarah (Pomfrett) Herndon.

During the same month there was entered the final reference to John Herndon in the Granville records, a decision of the county Court that he was liable for the payment to Israel Eastman of £23 13s. 5d. 3f.; but nothing in the minutes indicate the nature of the suit.¹³

In 1764 and 1765 James and Jacob Herndon, brothers of John, had come down from Charlotte County, Va., and settled for a while in Orange County, N. C. Possibly John was spurred by their removal thither to move on again. At any rate he soon purchased 100 acres there from Robert Patterson. The deed therefor was ordered by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Orange County held at Hillsboro the second Tuesday in May 1767 to be registered, after it was proved by the oath of John Gunter.¹⁴ It was to that property that Pomfrett Herndon, eldest son of John, removed a few years later. How many years John continued to live there is not of record. He seems to have located south of the Chatham-Orange boundary by 1770 when Chatham County was created out of Orange County, N. C. On the other hand, the family tradition that he returned to Virginia for a while may be correct.

He lived in Chatham County during the American Revolution and remained there until 1784. In May of that year a deed from John Herndon and wife to Pomfrett was presented to the Chatham Court and after being proved by the oath of Daniel Burnett was ordered to be recorded, which apparently was never done. During the next two years, however, he made his home with his son Pomfrett in Orange County.¹⁵ Since no record of the death or settlement of the estate of John Herndon has come to light and since the book of estate settlements of Orange County, 1785-1800, has been lost, it will be presumed that John Herndon died there late in 1786 or early in 1787, *i.e.*, before the tax rolls for that year were prepared.

¹³ *Granville County Court Minutes, 1757-1767*: 175.

¹⁴ *Registration of Orange County Deeds, 1764-1797, Vol. 2*: Archives, Raleigh.

¹⁵ *Orange County Tax Lists*: Archives, Raleigh.

During the Revolution there lived in Chatham County three men named John Herndon. One was the John Herndon whose residence "Mill Hill" was located on Bush Creek, a tributary of New Hope Creek, about eight miles south of Chapel Hill. The other two were the subject of this sketch and his son John. Their home was on a tract on Terrells Creek and the Haw River in the upper northwest corner of Chatham County near what after 1840 became the Alamance County line. This is about seven miles from where Pomfrett Herndon lived, on Phills Creek, St. Thomas District, Orange County.

The two following quotations from Minutes of the Chatham County Court are cited to show more explicitly certain locations and neighbors. They do not prove which John Herndon is meant, but the subject of this sketch seems to be the one referred to in each of these: ¹⁶

Ordered that any twelve of the following persons be a Jury to lay out a road the nearest and best way from James Williams' Ferry into the road leading from the Island Ford Road to Hillsborough, Viz: Charles Morgan, Edward Edwards, James Rigsbee, JOHN HERNDON, Luke Bynum, William Griffin, William Snipes, Joseph Roper, Oliver Brewer, Isaiah Hogan, James Kirby, Rich. Parker, Christopher Kirksey, Isaac Kirksey, John Hatley and Edward Tatum.

Ordered that all hands from Tyrell's Creek to the Redfield Creek on South side of Haw River except . . . JOHN HERNDON . . . work on the road leading from James Williams' ferry to County line towards Hill[sbor]°.

These communities were within the limits of the Hillsborough District referred to in the Auditor's Report cited below, which is contained in one of the series of volumes known as *North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts*, preserved in the Archives at Raleigh. In those volumes are the statements of all approved accounts for various types of service rendered during the American Revolution. In the case of this John Herndon it will be noted that two payments were approved. No details are given beyond this record: ¹⁷

Report #83, as allowed by the Auditors for Hillsborough District . . . Voucher #3190 to JOHN HERNDON for £5 0s. 6d.

To cash paid to JOHN HERNDON allowed by Com[mittee] of Claims, January 1779 . . . £76 8. 0.

[22nd entry from the Bundle of Claims No. 12]

¹⁶ *Chatham County Minutes* for May and November 1777, respectively. The name Roper found here and in numerous other places in Chatham County records may be Rosser. Both forms are noted in the Census.

¹⁷ NCRAA, Book C: 101 and Book E-G: 34, respectively.

No documentary evidence is known to exist as to the names of any of the children of John Herndon and Sarah Pomfrett except Pomfrett Herndon. Yet enough circumstantial evidence exists to designate Sarah, Humphrey, John, and William as also their children, and that evidence is given under their respective sketches.

Children of John Herndon and Sarah Pomfrett:

150 SARAH HERNDON (?) m WILLIAM SNIPES.

151 POMFRETT HERNDON m MARTHA BRYANT.

152 HUMPHREY HERNDON m ———.

153 JOHN HERNDON m ———.

154 WILLIAM HERNDON m ELIZABETH ———.

#22 PRISCILLA HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born probably about 1727 in Caroline County, Va. The only two specific references to her are as a witness to the deed of gift from her brother John to his son Pomfrett¹ and in the Will of her father whereunder he left to "my daughter Priscilla Langford one shilling sterling and no more."²

In Granville County, N. C., where she lived in 1767, we find HENRY LANGFORD, doubtless her husband, as he was the only Langford male in that county's early records. Numerous patents for land in Brunswick and Lunenburg Counties, Va., had been made to him. The State of North Carolina granted him a tract of 173 acres on the waters of Ruin Creek.³ On the banks of that stream and Tabbs Creek lived Priscilla's brother, John Herndon, and William Bryant.

On 3 February 1786 Henry Langford and John Duncan exchanged properties, the former acquiring thereby 80 acres on the north side of Tabbs Creek on which he continued to live until about 1 November 1788 when he sold that tract to George Floyd.⁴ In the 1790 census he is shown as living in Fishing Creek District, Granville County.⁵ In 1782 he was taxed on 188 acres, 2 horses, and 6 cattle.⁶ In 1782 he was taxed on 188

¹ *Granville County Deed Book H*: 366.

² *Charlotte County Will Book I*: 382.

³ *Granville County Deed Book N*: 275.

⁴ *Granville County Deed Book O*: 480, 496, and 625.

⁵ *Opus cit.* 88.

⁶ Valued at £44 4s.

acres, 2 horses, and 6 cattle. Nearby lived Rowland Bryant, son of William and Elizabeth (Rowland?) Bryant, and William Hunt, father of the Mary Hunt whom Rowland Bryant married.

As no record of the settlement of the estate of either Henry or Priscilla Langford is known to exist, it is merely assumed that the following, all of whom were of Granville, were their children or grandchildren and concerning them we have no further information than herebelow recorded:

- 155 JOHN LANGFORD, mentioned as head of a family, 1790, in Fishing Creek District.
- 156 JESSE LANGFORD m 30 December 1779 BETTIE JOHNSON; mentioned as head of a family, 1790, Fishing Creek District.
- 157 PARRISH LANGFORD m 7 July 1783 SARAH LOVINE; also head of a family, 1790, Fishing Creek District.
- 158 SUSANNA LANGFORD m 20 November 1785 SERREL WHITE; were of Fort Creek District, 1790.
- 159 TABITHA LANGFORD m 23 June 1786 STEPHEN INSCORE and were of Fishing Creek District, 1790.
- 160 NANCY LANGFORD m 1 July 1787 THOMAS PARRISH.
- 161 SARAH LANGFORD m 4 January 1794 RICHARD HOLMES.
- 162 JUDAH LANGFORD m 7 February 1801 SOLOMON KEMP.

#23 JAMES HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born about 1730, probably in Caroline County, Va. In February 1764 there appears the first of a few references to him, found in the records of Orange County, N. C., where he lived a few years. There he is mentioned as conveying to Joseph Barbee a tract, acreage not stated, with Mark Morgan proving the deed.¹ How much earlier he had acquired the land and from whom does not appear. The following May the Orange County Court adopted the following minute concerning the suit of Robert Jones, Esq., against James Herndon:²

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant failing to appear, altho duly called 'tis ordered by the Court, that judgement be entered up for the plaintiff against the defendant for his damages sustained, to be ascertained at a later day on a Writ of Enquiry.

¹ *Registration of Orange County Deeds*, Vol. 1: 79, Archives, Raleigh.

² *Orange County Court Minutes*, 1762-66: 380.

Then at the session of the Court beginning 12 August 1765 the following minute relative to this matter was entered: ³

And the defendant by his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and where etc. and saith that altho the writing obligatory he acknowledges to be his Act and Deed, Yet he hath fully paid and discharged the same, which he prays may be inquired of by the County and the Plaintiff likewise, Therefore let a Jury come agreeable to Act of Assembly to Recognize Etc.

As to the outcome we are left in the dark, for no further reference to this suit is made in the Minutes.

On 2 March 1769 he and James Lea were two of the members of the Grand Jury.⁴

On 11 March 1771 a series of 62 Crown prosecutions was begun at a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer at Newbern.⁵ Forty-ninth on the list was that of *The King v James Hearndon*, who may have been the James Herndon of this sketch, but certainly proof of that identification is lacking. The charge brought against him and others was *Riot, A. B.*, that is, that he and they were Regulators. The Regulators were members of the group of about 2,000 men who were outraged over the heavy taxes and the oppressive manner of collecting them and who later engaged in a two-hour battle with the forces of Governor Tryon on the Alamance River 16 May 1771. The Regulators were defeated through lack of ammunition. We do not know what was the outcome of the trial of James Herndon: true bills were returned against eight of the 62 alleged rioters, but James Herndon was not one of these.

The only other reference we have to him is the bequest to him of one shilling sterling in his father's Will. It is not known whether he was married or where he lived after 1771 or when or where he died.

#24 JACOB HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born about 1733, probably in Caroline County, Va.

By 1762 he was living in North Carolina.¹ He was mentioned in two lawsuits in Orange County, that State, where his brother James had preceded him. At a Court beginning the first Tuesday in August 1764

³ *Ibid.*, 427.

⁴ *Superior Court of Orange County Minute Docket, 1768-1788*: Archives, Raleigh.

⁵ *CSRNC*, Vol. 8: 532.

¹ Pension File of Frances Herndon: W #11, 275.

judgment for the plaintiff Joseph Chilton was entered in the sum of £4, and costs of £1 1s. 10d. were assessed against the defendant Jacob Herndon.² At the February 1765 term of Court it was minuted that Nash and McNair had brought action against Jacob Herndon, seeking an order for attachment, but that the defendant did not appear.³ No information is available as to the subject matter of these proceedings.

Whether the service for which JACOB HERNDON entered claim to 2,145 acres on Sinking Creek, Jefferson County, Ky., 19 January 1784⁴ was Revolutionary or Colonial does not appear.

Sometime before the Revolution Jacob and his sons had returned to Virginia and settled in Charlotte County where his brother Joseph and their father John were still living. He was a taxpayer there from 1783 when he owned 2 horses and 13 cattle until 18 March 1796 when his name appeared on the personal property tax lists for the last time. Under his father's Will of which he was an executor he received two slaves.

Nothing is known of the wife of Jacob Herndon. The Pension File on the service of Jacob's son James is rich in family data. In 1787 James Herndon accounted for his sons Reuben and John as tithables living with him. If he had daughters, that fact is not known. There has been found no record of the settlement of his estate.

Children of Jacob Herndon of Charlotte County, Va.:

163 REUBEN HERNDON m FRANCES CANADY.

164 JAMES HERNDON m SUSAN ———.

165 JOHN HERNDON m JENSEY KENNADY.

#25 MARY HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born about 1736, probably in Caroline County, Va. In addition to the mention of her as "my daughter Mary Clayton, the wife of Thomas Clayton" in the Will of her father, one other reference to her has been found. That followed the death of her husband, THOMAS CLAYTON, in King and Queen County, when the property formerly belonging to him was taxed to her as Molly Clayton in 1789. The date of her death is not known.

² *Orange County Court Minutes, 1762-66, Vol. 1: 233.*

³ *Ibid.*, 349.

⁴ W. R. Jillson: *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds: Jefferson County Entries, Book A: 332.*

Her husband may have been the infantryman in the Virginia forces during the Revolution named Thomas Clayton to whom no bounty land was awarded despite the appearance of his name on the Army Register.¹ The fact of his death so soon after the Revolution would explain why no such award was made. It is known, however, that he furnished supplies for the use of the Army, as witness the following certificate among the King and Queen County Public Claims:

This is to certify that I have received from THOMAS CLAYTON one beef for the purpose of Stalling. Valued at 626 pounds. Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed Oct. 1780.

£625

King and Queen, 8th Mar. 1781.

/s/ Robt. Hill, Comm'r.

In 1782 Thomas Clayton was assessed on 275 acres, 4 slaves, 22 horses and cattle. In 1787 he was assessed on these same acres, 18 horses and cattle. As the following year the assessment was against his estate, we know that he died in that interval.

Children of Thomas Clayton and Molly Herndon (possibly among others):

166 REUBEN CLAYTON, signed the Remonstrance of 5 November 1783 against the Tax Act which required payment of taxes in gold and silver coin.²

167 JAMES CLAYTON m ———, and left issue named in his Will dated 7 February 1818, probated 11 January 1811:³

(1) MAUDE HERNDON CLAYTON m JOHN EUBANK

(2) POLLY RUFFIN CLAYTON m THOMAS F. SPENCER

(3) WILLIAM HERNDON CLAYTON probably m LUCY CRITTENDEN⁴

(4) HARRIET BRYAN CLAYTON m ——— COLLINS

(5) THOMAS SMITH CLAYTON

(6) REBECCA PARKE FARLEY CLAYTON

¹ J. M. Gwathmey: *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution*, 157.

² Among the Legislative Petitions in the Division of Archives, Virginia State Library, Richmond.

³ VI VCA, 104, 105.

⁴ 33 VCA, 90, mentions that Lucy Crittenden was the wife of Wm. H. Clayton, who was probably Wm. Herndon Clayton.

#26 ANN HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born about 1739, probably in Caroline County, Va. As stated in the Will of her father, she married MARTIN TUREMAN.

During the Revolution he contributed the following supplies: ¹

Mecklenburg No. 232

I hereby certify that I have received for public use of MARTIN TUREMAN 300 lbs. Beef to be paid for at the rate of 2 pence a pound, specie, with the depreciation.

Given under my hand this 1st Oct. 1781

300 lbs Beef £3:15:0

/s/ Wm. Delong D. C. P. L.

Martin Tureman was taxed on 200 acres, 2 slaves, 20 horses, and cattle in 1782, in which year there were 10 persons in his family.

Children of Martin Tureman and Ann Herndon (possibly among others):

168 JAMES TUREMAN

169 THOMAS TUREMAN

#27 JOSEPH HERNDON [5 John Herndon of Charlotte County] was born about 1743, presumably in King and Queen County; died 16 July 1804 ¹ in Charlotte County, Va. According to family tradition, his first wife, the mother of all his children, was a daughter of Benjamin Netherland.² Joseph Herndon married secondly MRS. MARY MAGDALENE (—) RAWLINGS. The officiating clergyman was Rev. John Williams who certified that the ceremony took place 3 April 1794. Their marriage bond, filed in Charlotte County, was dated 29 March 1794, John Rollings [another spelling of the Rawlings name], who may have been a son by his mother's first marriage, being surety. She was married thirdly 8 January 1807 to Joseph Gregory, the Rev. Edward Almond officiating. Austin Duffer was surety on her marriage bond which was dated 6 January 1807 and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Charlotte County Court.

In 1787, following the death of his father, Joseph Herndon was assessed on 9 slaves, 8 horses, 36 cattle, for a personal property tax of £6

¹ *Mecklenburg County Public Claims*, in the Archives Division, Virginia State Library.

¹ *Charlotte County Will Book* 3: 4.

² Mrs. W. D. Dickinson, Glasgow, Ky., Mrs. W. T. Fowler, Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Luke Hodges, Wichita Falls, Texas, have so advised the compiler.

5s. 0d., and on the 374 acres which his father had given him in 1782, assessed at 6s. 3d. an acre, or £116 17s. 8d., for a real estate tax of £1 15s. 0d. Substantially similar assessments continued until 13 April 1805, when the assessment was entered against Mary Herndon's estate, for by that date her husband had died. After 1797 the taxes were assessed in dollars and cents. In 1801 the realty tax was 48 cents for each \$100 valuation.

There had been an increase, however, in Joseph Herndon's land holdings, because John Rawlings and Elizabeth his wife had sold him for £150 a tract of 107 acres "on both sides of King's Road, and part on both sides of Reynolds Creek, Wiley's line on the road, on south side of Cox road, up the Creek to the Mill Seat." This deed was recorded 1 October 1798.³ The mention of the Mill Seat, in the deed just cited, calls to mind a fight lasting from February 1796 to June 1800 in the Charlotte County Court which Joseph Herndon won over John Franklin for the privilege of erecting a water grist mill.⁴ Joseph Herndon's grist mill was built "over Reynolds Creek, he being proprietor of the lands on both sides of the said creek" and it was also designated as "over Reynolds in the fork of Horse Pen Creek."⁵

Joseph Herndon was uniformly successful in his court experiences: never sued, and the winner in his successive actions as plaintiff against Jeremiah Lumpkin, Lowry Booker, and George James.⁶ We have found no reference to the outcome of Joseph Herndon's suit, begun shortly before his death, against a trading firm, originally of Glasgow, Scotland, referred to as "James and Robert Donald and Co., now inhabitants of Virginia."⁷

No record has been found of any military service of this Joseph Herndon. The Charlotte County Court, however, on Tuesday 10 January 1782, in accordance with the terms of the Act for Adjusting Claims for Property Impressed or Taken for Public Use, issued to him four certificates for the following supplies and services furnished by him:

For 157 lbs of Bacon	£7	11s	0d
For carriage of the same		3s	0d
For 2,800 lbs of Beef	£35	0s	0d
For driving Beeves		6s	0d

³ *Charlotte County Deed Book 11*: 190.

⁴ *Charlotte County Order Book 10*: 131.

⁵ *Charlotte County Order Book 12*: 45.

⁶ *Charlotte County Order Book 7*: 67, 9: 51, and 11: 82.

⁷ Begun 3 May 1803.

That he was the favorite son of his father seems perfectly apparent from the generous provisions made for him both during his father's latter years and confirmed in his Will. He was the one member of his father's family, after his father's death in 1786, who was an extensive property owner and taxpayer. His own Will and the record of its probate read as follows: ⁸

I, JOSEPH HERNDON of Charlotte County, do hereby make my last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following, that is to say:

1st I desire that so much of my perishable estate be immediately sold after my decease as shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts and funeral expences, and the monies arising therefrom be applied to the payment of the same. Should the perishable part of my property prove insufficient for the above purposes, then I desire that my executors hereafter named may sell such other part of my estate as they think will answer best as shall be sufficient to satisfy such of my just debts as shall remain unpaid out of the perishable part of my estate.

2ndly After the payment of my debts and funeral expences I lend to my wife MARY MAGDALENE HERNDON four negros named Julius, Nann, Milley and Emmanuel, two horses Dick and Button, one good feather bed and furniture, also such part of my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep as my executors hereafter named shall think necessary for her support, also part of the tract of land I now live on, as follows:

Beginning where George Cole's line crosses the spring branch, then down the said branch to the creek

then up the creek to where the back line leaves the creek, thence along said back line adjoining George Cole to the beginning;

further she is not to be interrupted during life or widowhood.

3dly I give to my son WILLIAM HERNDON two negros in his possession, named Sam and Moses, one feather bed and furniture (already received), to him and his heirs forever.

4thly I give to my son JOHN HERNDON two negros named Asa and Tempy, one good feather bed and furniture, also one cow and calf.

4thly (*sic*) I give to my son ELIJAH HERNDON two negros named Benjamin and Prissa, one good feather bed and furniture, also one cow and calf.

5th I give to my son BENJAMIN HERNDON two negros named Europe and Nelly, one feather bed and furniture, also one cow and calf, and one horse.

6thly I give to my daughter HENRIETTA BRIZENTINE two negros in her possession named Amey and Billey, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, to her and her heirs forever.

7thly I give to my daughter JANE ROBERTS one negro in her possession, Rachel, and her increase, one feather bed and furniture, also one cow and calf, to her and her heirs forever.

8thly I give to my daughter TABITHA McCARGO two negros in her possession named Sue and Fanny, one feather bed and furniture, also one cow and calf, to her and her heirs forever.

9th I give to my daughter SARAH ROBERTS two negros in her possession named

⁸ *Charlotte County Will Book 2: 284-5.*

Tom and Letty, one feather bed and furniture, also one cow and calf, to her and her heirs forever.

10th My will and desire is that my negro man Humphrey shall, after my decease, be emancipated for life.

11th My will and desire is that the remaining part of my negros, not particularly disposed of, shall be divided in the following manner, viz: My executors hereafter named shall choose three discreet, disinterested men who, on oath, shall value them in real cash, the amount thereof to be allotted and equally divided among my eight children heretofore named, and those to whose lot the highest price[d] negro may fall to pay the others in proportion to the valuation.

12th My will and desire is that immediately after my wife's decease all my lands and chattles in Charlotte County be sold to the highest bidder, on twelve months credit, and the monies arising therefrom be equally divided among my four sons, to wit, WILLIAM HERNDON, JOHN HERNDON, ELIJAH HERNDON and BENJAMIN HERNDON, to them and their heirs forever.

13th My will and desire is that all the lands obtained of BENJAMIN NETHERLANDS lying in the State of Kentucky be equally divided among all my children that remain alive whenever said land shall be obtained—also that all the rest of my estate both real and personal of what nature or kind soever it may not hereinbefore particularly disposed of, I desire may be equally divided among my several children before named which I give to them, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns forever.

lastly I do constitute and appoint my friends JOHN HERNDON, FRANCIS ROBERTS, and WILLIAM DUPREE, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of June one thousand eight hundred and four.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared
as and for the last will and testament
of the above named Joseph Herndon

/s/ JOSEPH HERNDON L. S.

In presence of us:

EDMUND DUFFER, MARY (X) DUFFER, BETSEY MEALER

At a Court held the 3d day of September 1804:

This last will and testament of JOSEPH HERNDON decd was presented in court by Francis Roberts one of the executors [t]herein named, and the same was proved by the oath of EDMUND DUFFER and BETSEY MEALER two of the subscribing witnesses to be acknowledged by the said JOSEPH HERNDON as his last will and testament in their presence and ordered to be copied.

On the motion of the said FRANCIS ROBERTS, who made oath according to law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate of the said Will in due form, he giving security; whereupon he with JOHN ROBERTS his security entered into and acknowledged their bond according to law for that purpose, reserving liberty to JOHN HERNDON and WILLIAM DUPREE the other executors herein named to join in the probate thereof when they shall think fit.

Test THOMAS READ Clk

Truly Recorded THOMAS READ Clk

When Francis Roberts filed his account as executor of the estate of Joseph Herndon, he listed as the first item of the estate "Cash found in desk July 16, 1804, £93 7s 3d."⁹ The date was probably the day of Joseph's death. The account was recorded 3 February 1806. The assets totaled £596 7s 6d, consisting of cash, proceeds from the sale of bonds or their payment, and tobacco. Indirect expenses incident to the funeral included £2 9s. for 4½ gallons of rum! The estate was indebted to Elijah Herndon, a son, for £30, to Hezekiah McCargo, a son-in-law, for £3 13s. 9d., to William Dupree, a witness to the Will, for £53 12s. 9½d., to Young Brizentine, another son-in-law, for £4 10s., and to Francis Roberts, another son-in-law, £2 3s. 6d., at the decedent's death, and £25 for his services as executor. The net estate, exclusive of land and slaves, came to £188 8s. 5d.

The name of Joseph Herndon's residence was "Red Oak".

Children of Joseph Herndon of Charlotte County, Va.:

170 WILLIAM HERNDON m CATHERINE WINN.

171 JOHN HERNDON m ELIZABETH MEALER.

172 JANE HERNDON m FRANCIS ROBERTS.

173 ELIJAH HERNDON, d unm.

174 TABITHA HERNDON m 30 December 1800 HEZEKIAH MCCARGO, son of John McCargo (d. test. 1814, Charlotte Co.). They are said to have settled in North Carolina after 1815.

175 SARAH HERNDON m THOMAS ROBERTS.

176 HENRIETTA HERNDON m 9 November 1803 YOUNG BRIZENTINE who was a member of Capt. Thomas Goode's Company of Militia in 1811 and of Capt. Francis Barnes' Company later in 1811 and 1812, and of Capt. Wm. Barden's Company of Militia in 1813.

177 BENJAMIN HERNDON m CICELY NEAL.

⁹ *Charlotte County Will Book 3: 4.*

FIFTH GENERATION

#150 SARAH (HERNDON ?) SNIPES. It has been suggested that Sarah, wife of WILLIAM SNIPES, was a daughter of John and Sarah (Pomfrett) Herndon. If true, then she was born probably in 1744/5 and was 15 years of age when her first child was born—young indeed, but there were many marriages of girls at 14 in the Eighteenth Century. While proof of this marriage is lacking, a series of geographical coincidences and close family associations may be mentioned in support of that claim.

William Snipes and his wife Sarah sold their home place in Brunswick County, Va., 27 November 1769.¹ John and Sarah (Pomfrett) Herndon had sold their Brunswick County home six years before and settled in Granville County, N. C. There Nathaniel Snipes, brother of William, located.² William Snipes was of Orange County, N. C., in 1772 when he was in the militia. John Herndon was of Orange in 1767. Still later they were close neighbors in Chatham County. There Daniel Burnett witnessed the Will of William Snipes and also a deed of land from John Herndon to his son Pomfrett Herndon. There William Snipes (whether Sr. or Jr. is uncertain) sold land in 1787 to John Herndon (Jr.) which the latter reconveyed later to William Snipes, Jr. Pomfrett Herndon and William Snipes were jointly interested in the settlement of the estate of Peter Willis, of Orange County.

During the Revolution William Snipes contributed supplies for use of the Army as a result of which there was issued to him vouchers for £5 8s. 0d., *specie*, £25 9s. 7d., and £24 2s. 0d.³

The State of North Carolina issued to him two land grants: ⁴

To WILLIAM SNIPES 555 acres in Chatham County on both sides Tyrell's Creek, the north side of Haw River, beginning in Joseph Rosser's (?) line . . . March 31, 1780.

To WILLIAM SNIPES 400 acres in Chatham County on both sides of Tyrell's Creek, the north side of Haw River . . . line of his entry . . . runs along County Line . . . March 31, 1780.

¹ *Brunswick County Deed Book* 9: 569.

² Thomas Snipes married Mary Hunt, who had numerous Pomfrett cousins, in Granville County.

³ Report #83, as allowed by the Auditors for Hillsborough District, in *NCRAA Book C*: 102 (John Herndon being on preceding page): Report 81; *Book C*: 59, *et al.*

⁴ Land Grants #434 and #501, Land Office, Raleigh.

William Snipes made his Will 12 March 1787.⁵ In it he named his wife Sarah to whom he left his land on Tyrell's Creek. He devised his land on the west side of the Hillsboro Road to his son John Snipes and the land on the east side of that road to his sons Thomas and William Snipes. To all of his children, except John, he left his stock of cattle and other items of his personal estate, these children being named Thomas, William, Sarah, Susannah, Rhoda, and Tabitha in his Will, their mother Sarah sharing with them. He designated his son Thomas Snipes executor. Witnesses were Daniel Burnett and Joshua Rosser. Among those who made purchases at the sale of his personal property 24 November 1787⁶ were his sons Thomas and John Snipes and his daughters Sally and Susannah Snipes.

The following is a copy of a Power of Attorney which all the persons making it signed:⁷

"Thomas Snipes, John Snipes, William Snipes, Philemon Lacey, James Bynum, Alexander Hatch, Allan Justice, being heirs and representatives of WM. SNIPES, dec'd, late of Chatham County have appointed our loving and trusty friend NATHANIEL SNIPES of Granville County our true and lawfull attorney . . . for such sums of money, etc. which as heirs of WM. SNIPES, dec'd may be due out of the Estate of DRURY THRIFT, late of Dinwiddie County in Virginia."

A separate Power of Attorney from "Thomas Snipes, Sen. of Chatham County, North Carolina" reads in part "appoint my brother Nathaniel Snipes of Granville County, North Carolina my lawful attorney."⁸

Sarah Snipes died in 1791.

*Children of William and Sarah Snipes:*⁹

693 THOMAS SNIPES (b 29 September 1759; d 5 March 1844 Chatham County, N. C.; m 1790, MARTHA WILLIAMS (b 17 January 1769; d 11 March 1854, Chatham County, N. C.); daughter of Burrell Williams (Revolutionary soldier of Chatham County); had issue.

694 JOHN SNIPES (d 1845 Chatham County, N. C.); m SARAH (LINDSAY ?) had issue.

⁵ *Chatham County Wills, Deeds and Inventories, 1782-1794*, Vol. #22.018 Archives, Raleigh.

⁶ This date is incorrectly listed in the above-cited book as 24 November 1785.

⁷ Dated 13 February 1799, Book 22.019 Archives, Raleigh.

⁸ Presumably this was an earlier prepared Power of Attorney by Thomas Snipes, Sr. who died 1787.

⁹ The following record was prepared by Francis James Dallett, Jr., of Wayne, Pa., 22 May 1949. Because there is, according to Mr. Dallett, a rather full study of the Snipes Family in preparation, this line is not being here continued.

- 695 WILLIAM SNIPEs, Revolutionary soldier, (d 1849 Upson County, Ga.); m MARTHA (PATTY) BYNUM; daughter of Luke (Revolutionary soldier of Chatham Co.) and Martha (Patterson) Bynum; had issue.
- 696 SUSANNA SNIPEs (d 1814 Chatham County, N. C.); m PHILEMON LACY (d. 1814 Chatham County, N. C.); had issue.
- 697 SARAH SNIPEs (b ca 1771; d 1806-10 Chatham County, N. C.); m 1791/92 Chatham County, N. C., JAMES BYNUM (b ca 1770, Chatham County, N. C.; d 1842, near town of Bynum, Chatham County, N. C.); son of Luke and Martha (Patterson) Bynum; had issue.
- 698 RHODA SNIPEs m 4 December 1793 (Orange County, N. C. Marriage Bond), ALEXANDER HATCH (Revolutionary soldier); (b 15 November 1764 "Hatch's Run," Dinwiddie County, Va.; d 22 April 1850, Orange County, N. C.; son of Henry and Sally (Beard) Hatch. His brother Thomas Hatch (1761-1868 aged 107) married (2) in Orange County in 1818, Mary Bynum, daughter of James and Sarah (Snipes) Bynum; had issue.
- 699 TABITHA SNIPEs (d 1827 Chatham County, N. C.); m ALLEN JUSTICE (d 1831, Chatham County, N. C.); had issue.

#151 POMFRETT HERNDON [21 John] was born about 1746, probably in Amelia County, Va. The items that follow are in addition to those in which his name has appeared in the sketch of his father.

About 1770 he married MARTHA BRYANT, daughter of William Bryant and his wife Elizabeth, probably Elizabeth Rowland.¹ The Herndon and Bryant properties were next to each other on Ruin Creek, Granville County, N. C. Very few of the pre-Revolutionary marriage bonds of Granville County still exist. For that reason the date of the marriage can not be given, but the fact of the marriage of Pomfrett Herndon and Martha Bryant has been asserted in all branches of the families of the descendants of Pomfrett Herndon. Indeed their daughter Elizabeth Street named one of her daughters Martha Bryant for her mother and another Sarah Pomfrett for her grandmother.

In the preserved tax lists of Granville County for 1771 and 1773 Pomfrett Herndon's name appears as accountable for five taxable persons, doubtless himself and four slaves.²

In 1773 he served as a private in the Granville County Company of Colonial Militia commanded by Captain Jonathan Kittrell.³

On 4 May 1779 he sold to Jonathan Kittrell, Jr., for £500 proclamation money the land his father had given him in 1767. It was described

¹ Her Will was dated 11 May 1798, *Chatham County, N. C., Will Book A: 2.*

² In the Archives at Raleigh.

³ 22 CSRNC 165.

as lying on both sides of Tabbs and Ruin Creeks, adjoining David Hunter's, Bryant's, and Herndon's corners.⁴ (Jonathan Kittrell, Jr., had married 17 November 1772 Tabitha Bryant, sister of Martha who was Pomfrett Herndon's wife.)

By the fall of 1779 Pomfrett Herndon's name appears for the first time on the tax rolls of Orange County, when his property was assessed at £808 16s. He was for more than 25 years thereafter "of St. Thomas District" which corresponds very substantially to Chapel Hill Township today. On the list of 30 August 1780 the details of the assessment of £5,976 against him are recorded thus:⁵

5 negroes 10 to 40 years old	£3,900
2 negroes above 40 years	300
1 negro 5 to 10 years old	400
1 negro under 5 years old	250
25 head of cattle	250
cash on hand	1,040
1 horse 9 yrs., 15 hands (deaf)	105
1 mare 7½ yrs. old	105
2 mares 2 and 12 years old	98
1 small yearling	28
	<u>£6,376</u>
reduced by	400
Assessment	<u>£5,976</u>

His tax that year was £149 8s. 0d. The assessment against him in September 1781 was £9,781. In 1782 he was taxed on 600 acres, 11 slaves, 5 horses, and 25 cattle, valued at £1,212. The great currency inflation was over. At subsequent dates Pomfrett Herndon was taxed on his ownership of either 600, 640, or 700 acres, in Orange County. Among the spellings of his name on these tax rolls, the following are samples: Pumphry Hearndon, 1779; Pomfrett Hearndon, 1780; Pomfrett Herndon, 1781; Pomfret Herrndon 1782; Pomphret Herndon, 1783; Pomfrett Herndon, 1785; Pomfret Herndon, 1786; Pomfret Herrenton, 1792; Pumphred Herndon, 1798; while from the 1790 list which was used in preparation of the published volume of North Carolina Heads of Families an error in transcription was made and it appears as Comfort Herndon.

Austin Hightower and Martha his wife conveyed to him⁶ 28 August 1782 for £500 property on Phills Creek, a branch of Morgan's Creek,

⁴ *Granville County Deed Book M*: 163.

⁵ All those tax records are in the Archives, Raleigh.

⁶ *Orange County Deed Book 2*: 374, Hillsboro.

which had been granted to Austin Hightower by John [Earl] Granville 28 June 1762. Austin Hightower by Entry #831 dated 12 August 1779, made claim to "204 acres on Fills Creek of Morgan's Creek, bounded on the west by his own land and land of Chas. King, South by Jesse Nevilles, East by Thos. Connelly and Alex. Piper." This was granted to him 21 September 1785 (Grant #831 File #1707, *N. C. Land Grant Book* #59, p. 44) after survey dated 25 March 1785 when the chain bearers were Pumphrey Herindon [sic] and Thos. Connelly. (So Pomfrett Herndon was aiding in the survey of his neighbor's lands on the day his son Pomfrett Herndon, Jr., was born!)

He was first mentioned in the *Minutes of the Orange County Court* at its November 1781 term, when he petitioned to be allowed to erect a water grist mill on his own property. After the granting of this request we hear nothing more about the matter until 15 years later when, at the Court held 26 August 1796, the following order was minuted:

On motion of Pomphret Herenden by Wm. Norwood Esq., his attorney and the petition of the said Pomphret Herendon, Ordered, That Alexander Piper, Baxter King, Lewis Kirk, Benjamin Yeargin view, lay off and value one acre of land on both sides of Phill's Creek at or near the said Herendon's former mill seat for the purpose of having the same condemned (sic) to the use of the said Herendon to build a water Grist Mill and that a summons issue to John Strowd who owns the land on the other side of sd creek so to be viewed, valued and laid off, to come in at next court agreeable to Act of Assembly.

During the years 1781 to 1807 Pomfrett Herndon's name appears in these Minutes in many capacities, as serving as a grand and petit juror and as juror in the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions; as having a deed recorded in his favor from Austin Hightower and his wife in August 1783, as laying off and valuing with others one acre of land on which Richard Bush was to erect a mill on John Walker's land on Price's Creek; as plaintiff and as defendant in numerous suits; as being surety, along with Henry Edwards, on the bond of Sarah Willis, widow of Peter Willis, admx., and on the bond of Thomas Snipes, Esq., administrator of the estate of Peter Willis, deceased, the bond being for £3,000; of working in 1793 on the road from "the seat of the University" to Clerk's Ferry on Haw River; of service on two road juries; of his appointment as overseer of the road 25 November 1793; and of failing to appear for jury service at the February 1806 term of court.

He also attended auctions of the goods sold by the administrators of the estates of his friends John Tapley Patterson and John King, both in 1783,⁷ and doubtless numerous other such sales.

⁷ *Orange County Inventories, etc.: 1758-1785*, in the Archives, Raleigh.

In the records of Chatham County he is also mentioned. As plaintiff in suits against Frances Ervin and against Henry Brewer and George Blalock he won judgments for "52 pounds 11 shillings and 3" and £3 7s. 8d.,⁸ respectively. A deed to him from John Ledbetter and wife was ordered to be recorded. But most interesting of all is the listing of his note to Elizabeth Bryant, who was his mother-in-law, for £60 12s. 9d., as one of the assets of her estate in 1794, following the probating of her Will.⁹

The preserved records which mention Pomfrett Herndon in connection with the American Revolution show him as petitioner, as recipient of payments for services rendered, and as patentee of land:

(1) He was one of 79 residents of the Hillsboro District who signed the following petition on behalf of Thomas Eskridge, then under sentence of death for high treason:¹⁰

To the Honorable the Assembly of North Carolina:

As clemency and mercy have ever been the attributes of our Legislature, and your Honorable Body out of tender compassions to the feelings of Humanity have ever been ready to spare such, as are truly penitent, of those unhappy citizens who have been *deluded by the artifices of the Enemy*, we pray your attention to the following favorable circumstances of him who is the object of this petition and is now under sentence of death for High Treason.

He is not charged with felonies or exceptions from the Proclamation. The uniform uprightness of his private character, his surrendering himself within the privilege of the proclamation, his humane treatment [of] and *great good services to our citizens who had fallen into the hands of our Enemies, which some of us have experienced*, his sincere penitence for his past offenses, joined to the consideration of a wife and a number of small children, we hope will induce your Honorable Body to mark him as an object of Mercy.

Among the others who signed the foregoing petition were the following, all of whom were men of influence and position in Orange County:

John Kelly, J.S.C.
Jo. Rice, C. H.
A. Tatum
Capt. Lewis Jones
Thomas Nealey
John Ray, J. P.

James Mebane, Sheriff
Capt. W. Douglas
Alex. Mebane C. C.
Matthew McCauley
John Nichols

Charles Johnston
Col. Hugh Tinnin
Maj. Wm. McCauley
Christopher Barbee
James Hunter
John Hunter

⁸ *Chatham County Court Minutes*, in the Archives, Raleigh.

⁹ *Chatham County Will Book C. R. #22,020*, p. 2, in the Archives, Raleigh.

¹⁰ 19 CSRNC 933, italics not in the original.

(2) There are in the Archives at Raleigh in *North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts* the record of the following five payments to Pomfrett Herndon for his Revolutionary War services:

The Account of James Rowland, Treasurer of Orange County, by W. Lytle, shows that Certificate #39 was issued to POMFRETT HERNDON for £9:11:0, principal, and £1:12:0, interest. [VI-49-1]

In the Book that seems to have been made at Hillsboro, it is stated that Certificate #606 for £14:2:0, principal, was issued to POMFRET HERNDON [XI-37-1]

The Certificate, referred to in XI-52-1 as issued to POMFRETT HERNDON for £2:18:7, principal, and 9s. 4d., interest, actually reads:

State of North Carolina, Orange County, No. 445. This may certify that as Commissioner for the County aforesaid I have purchased from Mr. PUMPHREE HERNDON Thirty seven pounds bacon at the price ascertained in Spanish *milled* dollars by a resolve of Congress dated 25th February 1780 amounting in the whole to Two pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence to be paid in Spanish *milled* Dollars which sum is to bear interest untill paid agreeable to an Act of the Genrl Assembly in such matters,

Certified under my hand this 2nd Day of June 1781.

/s/ Alex. S. Mebane Commiss Orange County

From the Hillsborough Treasury Office there was issued in April 1785 a list of specie and currency certificates received from the County Treasurers and others. It shows that James Freeland, Sheriff of Orange County, had issued to POMPHRET HERNDON, a certificate (numbered 32 on its reverse side) for £1:12:0, principal. [IX-87-1]

The heading to the fifth reference reads:

The United States of America To the State of North Carolina Dr for Sundries furnished and cash paid the Militia of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina as allowed by the Auditors of Hillsborough District as per Report 83.

Thereunder are a great number of items. Item #2969 shows that Certificate #2371 for 15 shillings and 7 pence was issued to POMFRETT HERNDON (incorrectly transcribed as Pomfret Hirinder.) [Book C, 92]

(3) On 10 March 1785 Pomfrett Herndon entered claim for 82 acres adjoining his home tract on Phills Creek, which the State patented to him 10 July 1788.¹¹ Shortly thereafter the State granted him an additional 100 acres, the consideration being £10.¹² In later tax records his ownership of 700 acres is noted.

¹¹ 65 NC Land Grants 368, Raleigh.

¹² Orange County Deed Book 7: 447, Hillsboro.

In the census of 1790 his name was erroneously printed as Comfort Herndon. It is easy to understand how Pomfret might easily be transcribed as Comfort by one unfamiliar with that name.

In the Census of 1800 Pomfrett Herndon (recorded as Pumphrey Herndon) and his son Waller are listed as heads of Orange County families, at which time Pomfrett had ten slaves and Waller had one. It has been noted that in February 1806 Pomfrett Herndon had failed to respond for jury duty. The reason is that he had gone on a visit to the neighborhood of Winchester, Tennessee. His daughter Elizabeth's husband, Alexander Burnett, had died two years earlier, and she, on the settlement of his estate, removed to Franklin County, Tenn., with her seven Burnett children, doubtless in the company of numerous other relatives. Her father was there as late as 27 December 1808 when he witnessed a deed from John Tulley who conveyed to Reuben Jordan 300 acres which had belonged to the Tully estate.¹³ In the meanwhile his daughter had married secondly William Henry Street, and it is believed that for a time Pomfrett Herndon lived with them. As 54 pages of the Orange County, N. C., census of 1810 and the entire Franklin County, Tenn., census of that year are missing, one cannot be sure whether he had returned to North Carolina by that date. If not there then, he was certainly there soon thereafter.

In anticipation of the removal of his family to Tennessee, he sold all his Orange County real estate. When the spring of 1813 arrived, a caravan of the Herndon kin, numbering about 50 persons, started on the long trek to their new home to be founded in the community called Pleasant Plains, about three and a half miles from Winchester on the road to McMinnville.¹⁴ Ahead of the long line of carriages and wagons rode Pomfrett, Jr., on horseback. In the first carriage sat Pomfrett, Sr., and his wife Martha, their daughter-in-law Mary (King) Herndon, and the latter's six-months old son, Cotesworth Pinckney Herndon. The two older children of Pomfrett, Jr., and Mary (King) Herndon, named Nancy King Herndon, aged seven, and Osborn David Herndon, aged three, rode with other relatives. William Herndon, a younger brother of Pomfrett, Sr.'s, made the trip with his family at the same time. How long the journey took and where stops were made en route are not now known.

The Will of Pomfrett Herndon, Sr., dated 28 October 1820, was witnessed by L. K. Goodman and Owen Loyd, and is recorded in the Office

¹³ *Franklin County Record Book A, 1803-1818: 31-32.*

¹⁴ The report of this trek was furnished by Thomas Hall Herndon in 1915 to his nephew John Goodwin Herndon, the compiler of this record.

of the County Clerk of Franklin County at Winchester, Tennessee.¹⁵ It will be noted that in the body of the Will his given name appears as "Pomfret", while the "signature" reads "Pomphret". Since all preserved copies of his signature show it to be spelled Pomfrett, we may reasonably conclude that the so-called signature was affixed to his Will after he had made his mark, but that the X usually found in such cases was here omitted. The Will reads as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, POMFRET HERNDON, County of Franklin, State of Tennessee, being in a low state of bodily health though of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament as followeth: In the first place I commit my Soul to God who gave it me with the request that my body may be buried in a Christian like manner and as for what worldly effects it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of in the following manner. Item. I give unto my beloved wife, PATTY HERNDON, during her natural life my negro woman Mary and her increase and my negro boy Allen, and my negro boy Nero.

Item. I give unto my beloved wife, PATTY HERNDON, during her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture and all my farming utensils and four cows and calves and her choice of one of my stock of horses, and her choice of twelve of my stock of hogs and her choice of six of my stock of sheep.

Item. After the death of my wife, PATTY HERNDON, I give and bequeath my son, POMFRET HERNDON, my negro woman Mary, and her increase, and my negro boy Allen, and my Negro boy Nero, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my son, POMFRET HERNDON, my waggon to him and his heirs forever reserving the use thereof to my wife, PATTY HERNDON, during her natural life.

Item. I give unto my son, POMFRET HERNDON, twelve head of sheep to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter, SALLIE KIRKSEY, my negro girl Lucy, and my negro boy Nathan, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter, JENNY BURNETT, my negro woman Betty, and my negro girl Charlot, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter, PATTY KING, my negro boy George, and my negro girl Anny, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my daughter, POLLY POWELL, during her natural life, my negro boy Lewis, and my negro girl Sooky.

Item. I give unto my daughter, POLLY POWELL, two cows and calves, and one two year colt and two yews and lambs to her and her heirs forever.

Item. After the death of my daughter, POLLY POWELL, I give unto my three grandchildren, (JOHN A. POWELL, WALLER F. POWELL, and LOUISE POWELL) my negro boy Lewis, and my negro girl Sooky, to them and their heirs forever, to be equally divided among them share and share alike.

Item. It is my request that my negro woman Molly serve my wife, PATTY HERNDON during her natural life, then to be liberated and left to the care of my son, POMFRET HERNDON.

¹⁵ The County Clerk, J. R. Tipps who furnished the copy of the Will, failed to state date of its probate or book from which it was copied.

Item. I give unto my grandchildren, the children of WALLER HERNDON, deceased, seven dollars to be equally divided among them share and share alike.

Item. I give unto my grandchildren, the children of ALEXANDER BURNETT, deceased, to be equally divided among them share and share alike, seven dollars.

Item. I give unto my son-in-law, WILLIAM STREET, one dollar.

Item. It is my request that all the balance of my property not heretofore mentioned should be sold, and after paying all my just debts, the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among my grandchildren, the children of JOSEPH HALE, and my great-grandchildren, the children of PATTY PARKER, deceased, the said children of Patsy, deceased, drawing one share to them and their heirs forever.

Item. After the death of my wife, PATTY HERNDON, I give unto my grandchildren, the children of JOSEPH HALE, deceased, and my great-grandchildren, the children of PATTY PARKER, deceased, all the property left to my wife, and not heretofore divided, to be equally divided between them, the children of PATTY PARKER taking one share to them and their heirs forever; and lastly I appoint my wife PATTY HERNDON and my son Pomfret my executor and my executrix to carry into effect this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1820.

/s/ POMPHRET HERNDON (Seal)

The date of the death of MARTHA (BRYANT) HERNDON is not known, but it probably occurred after 1824. (Her husband regularly called her Patty.) On 18 March 1824 there was rerecorded¹⁶ in the Registry of Deeds at the Courthouse in Hillsboro, Orange County, N. C., the deed by which under date of 23 August 1788 Pomfrett Herndon and his wife Martha (referred to therein as Pattsey) conveyed to Elizabeth Strowd for £100 the 100 acres "where John Strowd now liveth."¹⁷ That property was located on Phills Creek next to the lands of Stevens Loyd and John Bynum. The adjoining property was deeded by Stevens Loyd to John Strowd for a like consideration 6 August 1789. That transaction was proved by Bryant Strowd. John Strowd had married Delilah Bryant, sister of Pomfrett Herndon's wife Martha. We may well assume that some family correspondence concerning the first of these deeds took place between Martha and her Strowd relatives in Orange County and that about the date mentioned she was still living.

The family of Pomfrett Herndon were all Presbyterians, and are understood to have been members of the Hawfields Presbyterian Church, first of the denomination established in the western section of Orange County. Their political affiliation was at first Federalist and later Whig. Since 1861 most of their descendants have been Democrats.

¹⁶ Rerecording was necessary because of the loss by fire of certain records earlier kept in the Registry of Deeds at Hillsboro.

¹⁷ *Orange County Deed Book 1: 570, Hillsboro.*

Children of Pomfrett Herndon and Martha Bryant:

700 WALLER HERNDON (b ca 1772, Granville County, N. C.; d between 1816 and 1820, Jones County, Ga.) m in Orange County, N. C., 21 May 1795 ELIZABETH PARTIN, daughter of William and Jane Partin. (William Partin was a Revolutionary Patriot¹⁸ whose Will was proved February 1804.¹⁹ By it he left a shilling each to his sons-in-law Jesse Rigsby, Henson Colters, Thomas Conally, and Waller Herndon, and a like sum to his sons William Partin, Leonard Partin, and Charles Partin and to the heirs of his deceased son John Partin, and devised land to his sons Bennet Partin and Lewis Partin, and provided for his widow Jane.) Early in the 1800's WALLER HERNDON and his family moved to Jones County, Ga., where they spent the rest of their lives. The dates of birth of the children of this couple are copied from Bible records,²⁰ and the dates of their marriage from records furnished by the Judge of the Jones County Court of Ordinary:

- (1) William Bryant Herndon (b 3 February 1799, N. C.; d between 1850 and 1860, Decatur County, Tenn.)²¹ m ca 1824 Elizabeth ——— (b 12 January 1800; living 1860): issue, 4 sons and 6 daughters.
- (2) Benjamin Herndon (b 17 May 1802; d 6 March 1867,²² Jones County, Ga.) m 1st 20 December 1826 Drucilla Smith (b 1806, d ca 1861) and had issue, 2 sons; m 2ndly 31 August 1862 Martha Ann Maria McGehee, and had issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter. When the Georgia Land Lottery of 1827 was held, he and his brother Walker Herndon²³ who were residents of Capt. Mullins' District, Jones County, were awarded land there. He was a farmer whose realty in 1850 was valued at \$800, and in 1860, \$3,000, when he had personal property worth \$1,500, according to the Federal Census returns.
- (3) Mary Herndon (b 25 May 1804) m 25 January 1822 Leroy Thomas.
- (4) Walker Herndon (b 26 June 1806, Jones County, Ga.; lived there, 1880) m 26 January 1834 Frances McAlister (b ca 1814; living 1880); issue, 6 sons and 4 daughters.
- (5) Wylie Herndon (b 5 June 1808; d ante 1820, Jones County, Ga.)
- (6) Pomfrett Herndon (b 22 August 1810) lived in Jones County all his life; m 5 January 1834 Mary A. McAlister (b 1811). He was recorded in the 1850 Census as "overseer." They had issue, 6 sons and 2 daughters.

¹⁸ NCRAA I-12-4; I-39-2; VII-99-3; VIII-5-4; XI-47-1; and XI-52-3.

¹⁹ *Orange County Will Book D* (page not noted).

²⁰ In the possession of George T. Mitchell, Justice of the Peace, R. F. D. #1, Yatesville, Ga., in 1910 when he furnished considerable data concerning this family.

²¹ The Decatur County, Tenn., Census of 1850 records him as a blacksmith and his wife as 48 years of age, born in Georgia, while the 1860 census lists her as 62, born in North Carolina. Her birth date is in the family record cited in the preceding footnote, but Mr. Mitchell did not communicate her family name.

²² This date contributed by his youngest son, Wyly Rodger Herndon, of Macon, Ga., in a letter dated 9 January 1910.

²³ In the official record he is cited as Walker Herndon, Jr. One would guess that Waller was intended, but in the several places where his name appears it is invariably Walker Herndon.

- (7) Nancy Herndon (b 5 October 1813) m 22 January 1834 Nahum Willis.
- (8) Lucy Clark Herndon (b 27 February 1816, Jones County, Ga.) m 18 January 1837 James W. Mitchell, son of Elisha Mitchell; resided in Upson County, Ga.; had issue, but only the name of the oldest child, George T. Mitchell, is known to us.

701 DOROTHY HERNDON (b ca 1774, Granville County, N. C., d 1809, Chatham County, N. C.) m 2 October 1792 JOSEPH HALE (d intestate 1811, Chatham County) and had issue, the three children shown below. On 4 December 1795 there were conveyed to Joseph Hale two tracts on the south side of the Haw River and on Terrill Creek, containing 60 and 100 acres.²⁴ One half of this acreage he conveyed 1 November 1801 to John Meacham.²⁵ Joseph Hale was an intimate friend of Col. Edward Jones of "Rock Rest", Chatham County, and on the death of Joseph Hale he was appointed guardian for his namesake, youngest of the children of Joseph and Dorothy (Herndon) Hale.²⁶

- (1) Patty Hale (d ante 1820) m ——— Parker, and left issue.²⁷
- (2) Samuel Hale m Jane ———. They sold 13 May 1816 their lands on Terrill Creek adjacent to property of John Baldwin, Mark Snipes, and William Perry.²⁸
- (3) Edward Jones Hale (b 9 September 1802, Chatham Co., N. C.; d 1 January 1883, New York, N. Y.) m 27 May 1828 Sarah Jane Walker, of Wilmington, N. C.,²⁹ daughter of Maj. Carleton Walker and his wife Caroline Mallett. With the proceeds of his inheritance from his father's estate he purchased in 1825 the "Carolina Observer" (which had been established in 1817), continued its publication under the name "Fayetteville Observer." He went to Washington, D. C., where he became acquainted with Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, and Henry Clay. His friendship with Clay became "deep and lasting." While in Washington he learned much about the publishing business from a close association with officials of the "National Intelligencer." He was from 1835 to 1866 a vestryman of St. Johns Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, N. C. In 1866 he established in New York City a publishing house under the name of E. J. Hale and Sons. Collections of his correspondence are preserved in the North Carolina Archives. He and his wife had 2 sons, Peter Mallett Hale and Edward Joseph Hale, both distinguished North Carolinians.

²⁴ *Chatham County Deed Book H*: 114, 125.

²⁵ *Chatham County Deed Book N*: 448.

²⁶ This information and what follows concerning Edward Jones Hale is found in *Biographical History of North Carolina* (edited by Samuel A. Ashe and Stephen B. Weeks, and published by Charles L. Van Noppen) Volume 8, pp. 179 et seq.

²⁷ As stated in the Will of Pomfrett Herndon, already cited.

²⁸ *Chatham County Deed Book V*: 209.

²⁹ *Marriage and Death Notices in Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette, 1826-1845*, Bulletin of the N. C. State Library, p. 43.

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702 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 1776 Granville County, N. C.; d 1844 on a large plantation in Mississippi, nine miles from Memphis, Tenn., and later reburied in the Doherty lot in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis) m first in Orange County, N. C., 5 January 1793 ALEXANDER BURNETT whose Will dated 30 July 1804, was probated in February 1805, Chatham County, N. C.³⁰ In that Will provision was made for the apprenticing of his sons, two by two, after their schooling, each to receive tracts of land in Tennessee. He named his "beloved brother Isaiah Burnett" executor of his Will in which he provided for his "beloved wife Betsey". They had issue, 4 sons and 3 daughters, the eldest son always spelling his name Burnitt:

- (1) Greenville Burnitt (b 21 November 1793; d 7 May 1861 near West Point, Miss.) a private who enlisted 12 December 1812, as did also his brothers Daniel and Cornelius, in Capt. Caperton's Company of Tennessee Volunteer Infantry in Col. Thomas Hart Benton's Regiment.³¹ He m near Winchester, Tenn., in 1818 Eliza Adelaide Gillespie (b 20 January 1800; d 13 December 1861), daughter of Rev. James S. Gillespie and Frances Henderson and granddaughter of Colonel Daniel Gillespie, of North Carolina, and Major Samuel Henderson, of N. C., Ky., and Tenn.; issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters.
- (2) Daniel Burnett (b ca 1795, Chatham Co., N. C.,) m Phoebe Prewit, whose family lived near Aberdeen, Miss., and had 3 sons and 4 daughters. He served as executor of the Will of his first cousin Osborn David Herndon.
- (3) Cornelius Burnett, no information beyond that of his service in the War of 1812 above mentioned.
- (4) Pomfrett Burnett, one of Stephen F. Austin's original "300" who went out to colonize Matagorda County, Texas, and received the 12th land grant that was issued to those 300. He was accompanied by his wife Elizabeth Smalley and his slaves. He died there of tuberculosis in 1837 without issue.³² His widow later married David Bruce.
- (5) daughter Burnett, living in 1820 near Winchester, Tenn.
- (6) daughter Burnett, living in 1820 near Winchester, Tenn.
- (7) daughter Burnett, living in 1820 near Winchester, Tenn.

ELIZABETH (HERNDON) BURNETT after the death of her first husband went with her children and probably with other relatives, to Tennessee, settling near Winchester. There she married secondly in 1807 WILLIAM HENRY STREET. He was born 1767, son of Anthony and Elizabeth Street, of Hanover County, Va., and North Carolina. He had previously married Nancy Shelton and, by her, had had one son, D. D. Street, and four daughters:

³⁰ *Chatham County Will Book A*: 120.

³¹ This information furnished by Mrs. John Trotwood Moore, Nashville, Tenn., to Miss Clara Barton, Calvert, Texas.

³² His name appears on certain of the records in the Courthouse at Bay City, Texas, as Humphrey Burnett instead of Pumphrey, as he was generally called. In the University of Texas Archives Abstract 12, Survey 27 shows that 2214 acres were issued to him 14 October 1830. By his Will he devised these to his mother Elizabeth Street and his wife Elizabeth Smalley Burnett. Between 1840 and 1844 his mother went to Texas because of the numerous lawsuits that had arisen of his extensive land holdings one of which has been mentioned in this footnote. A cash settlement was made with his mother, his widow retaining the land.

Honor, wife of William Thurmond; Elizabeth, wife of James Bledsoe; Nancy, wife of John Easley, and a daughter whose grave, he provided in his Will, should be "walled in". It contained a similar provision relative to the graves of his parents. That Will, dated 30 June 1836 and proved in January 1837³³ also named his "beloved wife Elizabeth" and their seven children, who were then all living except Martha Bryant (Street) Crisman, and her heirs were named, all born in Franklin County, Tennessee:

- (8) Martha Bryant Street (b 28 August 1808; d 27 December 1833) m in Franklin County, Tennessee 1826 Charles Frederick Crisman, formerly of Pennsylvania, son of Frederick Crisman (d and bu. near Winchester, Tenn.); and had issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter.³⁴
- (9) Oliver Day Street (1811-1842), a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, m Mary Ann Atkins, daughter of Thomas Atkins, of Madison County, Ala.; issue, 1 son.
- (10) William Henry Street (b 1813; d 1872 Batesville, Ark.) m first Adeline Powell, of Memphis, Tenn., and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters; m 2ndly Mrs. Mary (Graham) Green, by whom he also had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.
- (11) Edwin Campbell Street (b 26 Feb. 1814; d 25 June 1845) m ——— Matlack.
- (12) Sarah Pomfrett Street (b 29 Feb. 1816; d 1904, Little Rock, Ark.) m in Winchester, Tenn., 1837, John C. Doherty, issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters. She was named for her great-grandmother Herndon, as her older full sister Martha Bryant Street was named for her grandmother Herndon.
- (13) Julia Street (b 1818; d 1833 of burns).
- (14) Anthony Street (b 5 March 1820; d 15 June 1874, Batesville, Ark.) m in Winchester, Tenn., in October 1843 Frances Henderson Gillespie (b 8 January 1828, Salem, Tenn.; d 23 November 1889, Newport, Arkansas), daughter of Charles Joseph Gillespie and Lily Grace Crabb. Anthony Street studied law at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., but never practiced. Concerning him another has written:³⁵

Shortly after his mother's death in 1844 he removed to Memphis, where he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law J. C. Doherty. Afterwards he went into the manufacturing and foundry business. At the beginning of the War between the States he turned his plant into a munitions factory for the Confederacy. This was situated on the old Navy Yard [site] in Memphis, on which he had a ninety-nine year lease from the Government. He was an ardent States' Rights man, and gave not only means, but time to the cause of the South. When Memphis was taken by the Federal troops his plant was the second place on which the Union Flag was raised, the first being

³³ *Franklin County (Tenn.) Will Book #1: 160-162.*

³⁴ The names, dates, and places here recorded were furnished by Mrs. Maud Lee Kimball, Dallas, Texas, a granddaughter of this couple. She also supplied the information about the other children of Wm. Henry Street and Elizabeth Herndon, his wife, given under their names.

³⁵ E. H. W. Wood and L. B. Nesbitt: *The Herndon-Hunt and Allied Families*, 34. The statement that Montgomery, Ala., was "at that time [20 Oct. 1862] the Confederate capital" is incorrect, as is also the date of Anthony Street's birth as shown on page 29 of that book, 1820 being correct instead of 1829.

the postoffice. His family was one of thirty-four prominent families who were given three days time to leave Memphis, by an order of General Sherman, October 20, 1862. The family joined A. Street in Montgomery, Ala., at that time the Confederate Capital. He staked all and lost all on the Confederacy. In 1866 he removed with his family to Batesville, Ark.

Anthony and Frances Street had issue, 4 sons and 7 daughters.

703 SARAH HERNDON (b ca 1778 Granville Co., N. C.) m JOHN KIRKSEY, and removed to Texas.

704 JANE ("JENNIE") HERNDON (b 1780, Orange Co., living 1842, Chatham County, N. J., m in Orange County 9 March 1799 ISAIAH BURNETT, of Chatham County. His Will, dated 4 January 1842, proved February 1848,³⁶ described his plantation as "on the west side of Hillsboro road that leads by Goodlow, an old place, on both sides of Wilkerson's Creek," contained provisions for his wife and their children who were:

- (1) John Fearington Burnett, to whom were devised 357 acres on Polk Berry Creek, Chatham County.
- (2) Nancy Burnett, m 1822 Edwin Pickney Snipes (b 25 December 1800), son of Thomas Snipes #693 and Martha Williams.
- (3) Lucian Burnett, to whom were devised the homeplace, after the death of his mother, and a Buck Mountain tract.
- (4) Julia F. Burnett, m Joseph F. Baldwin.
- (5) Eliza M. Burnett, m ——— Kirksey.

705 MARTHA HERNDON (b ca 1782, Orange County, N. C.) m there 17 December 1800 JOHN KING, son of Captain Baxter King (d 1801) and his wife Eleanor Johnston. John and Martha King removed to Franklin County, Tenn., by 1808 and continued to live there until at least 1823, when he conveyed to Pomfrett Herndon his land there containing 200 acres.³⁷

706 POMFRETT HERNDON³⁸ (b 25 March 1785, Orange County, N. C.; d bet. 1 April and 1 June 1830, Winchester, Tenn.) m in Chapel Hill, N. C., 19 July 1805 MARY KING (b January 1785, Hawfields, Orange County, N. C.; d 1 April 1858 at Columbia, Tenn., and buried in Rose Hill Cemetery there), daughter of Captain Baxter King and his wife Eleanor, daughter of George Johnston, Sr., and his wife Margaret Nealey.

- (1) Nancy King Herndon (b 1806, Chapel Hill, N. C.) m in Winchester, Tenn., Rev. Henry B. Warren, and had issue, 4 sons and 6 daughters.
- (2) Osborn David Herndon³⁹ (b 10 March 1810, Chapel Hill, N. C., d of

³⁶ *Chatham County Will Book C*: 213-215.

³⁷ *Franklin County Deed Book J*: 548.

³⁸ Date of birth from Family Bible records collected by his grandson, Hon. Thomas Hall Herndon; date of death computed from estate settlement records and the fact that 1 June 1830 his widow was listed as head of the family in the Franklin County census; marriage bond filed in Orange County, N. C.; other dates from Pension File of Ellen King, cited in *DAR Magazine* Aug. 1946, p. 425, date of death of Mary (King) Herndon from her tombstone.

³⁹ The dates of his birth and death are from tombstone records and contained in Evans: *Monroe County, Miss., Cemetery Roster*. His Will was recorded in Monroe County Will Book #1; 143-5. His admission to practice law is found in Franklin County Court Minutes for 1832-1837, Vol. 2, part 1, p. 147.

typhoid 31 October 1839, his Will being probated 30 November 1839); administrator (along with William Henry Street) of the estate of his father Pomfrett Herndon; was admitted to practice law 25 February 1833; on completion of administration of the estate of his father late in 1836 he was appointed Indian Agent for the Chickasaws, and in that capacity went to Monroe County, Miss., where in association with Stephen Adams and John Goodwin, both formerly of Franklin County, Tenn., he opened up what is now Aberdeen, Miss. He m about this time Sarah Holder and by her had issue, a son Prentiss Osborn Herndon. His widow m secondly 1 May 1845 William McQuiston, (later Col., CSA) and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

- (3) Cotesworth Pinckney Herndon ⁴⁰ (b 16 September 1812, Chapel Hill, N. C.; d 18 July 1886 Leesburg, Fla.) m in Winchester, Tenn., 8 June 1837 Mahala Hall Turner (b 31 August 1819, Liberty, Tenn.; d 25 March 1900 Washington, D. C.), eldest daughter of Dr. Robert Turner and his wife Sophia Woodcraft Dale, and granddaughter of Capt. Berryman Turner (Revolutionary War) and Capt. Adam Dale (War of 1812) who had been in 1781 a boy volunteer in the Revolution; issue, 7 sons and 2 daughters: Edward C. Herndon, Lucien Herndon, Mary Florence (Herndon) Clarke, George P. Herndon, Isabelle Lindsay (Herndon) Hubbard, Thomas Hall Herndon, John Goodwin Herndon, Pomfrett Lewis Herndon and Washington Irving Herndon.
- (4) Mary Ellen Herndon (b 25 February 1819, Franklin County, Tenn.; d 7 July 1893, Columbia, Tenn.) m first in Monroe Co., Miss., 10 February 1838 Carter T. Bumpass (who d shortly thereafter, s. p.); m 2ndly 24 December 1844 Dr. Stephen Decatur Herndon (b 15 June 1816; d 6 April 1902, Columbia, Tenn.) son of Major Joseph Herndon (1771-1863) and his wife Martha Coleman and grandson of Lt. Col. Benjamin Herndon #88; issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters.
- (5) Martha Elizabeth Herndon (b 1 December 1821) m Thomas P. Tindall of Aberdeen, Miss.; later removed to Texas; issue, 5 sons and 7 daughters.
- (6) Bartlett Yancey Herndon (b 25 December 1822; d 15 October 1902 Chattanooga, Tenn.); M. D., Univ. of Pennsylvania; m at Aberdeen, Miss., 22 May 1848 Julia Green Hill (d ante 1873), daughter of Nicholas Green Hill, of Green County, Ala.; issue, Emmet Herndon and Annie Pope (Herndon) Barr.
- (7) Pomfrett Herndon (b 1827; d 1862, College Hill, near Oxford, Miss.) m 1st Mary Johnson who died soon after marriage; m 2nd Pickett Caldwell; issue, 1 daughter.
- (8) DeWitt Clinton Herndon (b 22 September 1830; d 8 December 1883, Leesburg, Fla.) Major C.S.A.; m in Lafayette County, Miss., 6 June 1854 Timoxena Bowles (b 2 April 1835, Hardeman County, Tenn.; d 13 September 1912, Tampa, Fla.) daughter of Dr. Green Berry Bowles and Mary R. Harwell, and granddaughter of Capt. James Bowles and

⁴⁰ Dates and places of birth, marriage, and death are from Family Bible records collected by his son, Hon. Thomas Hall Herndon who encouraged the present compiler to copy them and similar data applicable to other members of the family of Pomfrett Herndon given below.

his wife Nancy Gregg; issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters: Mrs. John Hansbrough, Mrs. William A. Pratt, and Mrs. Joseph Savarese.

707 MARY HERNDON (b 1788 Green County, N. C.,) m 4 July 1805 OBED POWELL, merchant, of Chatham County; issue:

- (1) John A. Powell
- (2) Waller F. Powell
- (3) Louise Powell

#152 HUMPHREY HERNDON [21 John] was born about 1748, probably in Amelia County, Va. He has been mentioned as a witness to the deed of gift to his brother Pomfrett from their father in 1767. His name appears on the Amelia tax rolls of 1782 as head of a family of five and as owning four slaves.

On 1 October 1785 he was a bondsman for the marriage of Major Hood and Frances Merriman.¹ Within the next seven years he had removed to Lunenburg County where 12 April 1792 he purchased 143 acres from John Ragsdale for £71 10s. There he died either in 1798 or 1799 in which latter year the inventory of his estate was filed. His wife whose name is not of record predeceased him. His property was inherited by his two daughters:²

708 MARY HERNDON unmarried in 1802.

709 NANCY HERNDON m. FRANCIS JOHNSON.

#153 JOHN HERNDON [21 John] was born about 1750 in Amelia County, Va. In the account of his father mention was made of this John's being in Granville County in 1767 and after 1770 in Chatham.

Following the death of his father he purchased in 1787 from William Snipes for £100 a 300 acre tract in Chatham County¹ where he and his family continued to live for about a decade, possibly longer, when he resold it to William Snipes, Jr., for \$300.²

He was listed as the head of a family in the Chatham Census of 1790.³

¹ *Wm. and Mary Quarterly, First series; Vol. XVI 204.*

² *Lunenburg Deed Book #19: 141-a, dated 18 October 1802.*

¹ *Chatham County Deed Book D: 313.*

² *Chatham County Deed Book L: 61.*

³ *Heads of Families, First Census of the United States: 1790, State of North Carolina, 86, where the name is spelled "Hearndon".*

Its other members were three white females (doubtless his wife and two daughters) and two white males under 16. Since a careful check of the 1800 Census of Chatham County fails to reveal any Herndon family there, while the 1810 Census shows the family of John Herndon who was of "Mill Hill", we conclude that certain pages of the 1800 tabulation have been lost. We do not know, therefore, whether the family of the subject of this sketch had left Chatham by 1800, but it is certain that none remained there by 1810.⁴

The name of John Herndon's wife is not known.

The family, almost as a unit, following the death of John Herndon the date of which is not known, seems to have settled in Jones County, Ga., before the 1820 census was taken. Nearby were the Pattersons and Trices, Tapley Booth, Sr., Ezekiel Partin, and their families, all from Chatham or Orange County, N. C.

Children of John Herndon:

710 PETER HERNDON (b between 1775 and 1790), lived in Jones County, 1820; had issue.

711 JOHN HERNDON (b between 1775 and 1790), lived in Jones County, 1820, when his family seems to have consisted of his wife, 2 sons under 10 years of age and 3 daughters under 16. Concerning them we lack information, except as to

(1) John Pomfrett Herndon (b 1804/5, N. C., presumably Chatham County; d testate 1851, La Grange, Troup County, Ga.) lived in Morgan County, Ga., in 1827 when he participated in the Georgia Land Lottery, winning an allotment in Troup County, where he subsequently made his home; m in 1826 Narcissa L. McIntosh (b 1809, Ga.); was a successful carpenter and builder; had issue, 5 sons and 5 daughters.⁵

712 ELIZABETH HERNDON m in Orange County, N. C., 3 January 1796 JOHN PIPER.

713 ANN HERNDON (d between 1852 and 1860, Jones County, Ga.) m in Orange County, N. C., 4 January 1799 WYLIE PATTERSON, son of Capt. Mark Patterson (who in 1779 and 1780 was a Representative from Orange County in the North Carolina House of Commons and under whom numerous members of the Herndon family connection served during the American Revolution) and his wife Amelia Barbee, and grandson of John Patterson (who located in 1744 on New Hope Creek near an old settlement of Shockoe Indians) and his wife Sarah Murrin. WYLIE PATTERSON died

⁴ In the Chatham County Census of 1810 one Abner Herndon is listed; but his name subsequently appeared as Abner Harrington. He died 15 Feb. 1844, according to *Raleigh Register*, issue of 1 March 1844.

⁵ Letter from Miss Lucia Herndon Hicks (later Mrs. G. G. Rucker, now deceased) n.d., but written about 1910 to Mr. J. W. Herndon, Alexandria, Va., and copy furnished this compiler.

testate in Jones County, Ga.⁶ In his Will, dated 7 June 1845, with codicil of 13 January 1849, which was proved 6 December 1852, he named his wife, all his children, and certain grandchildren. His name frequently appeared in the records as Willie Patterson and his wife's as Anna or Anny Patterson. They had:

- (1) Malinda Patterson, m first ——— Godard; m 2ndly Radford J. Turner.
- (2) Herndon Patterson (b 1804, Will dated 14 July 1868, proved 5 July 1869), m 13 November 1828 Masey Hart (1811-post 1868), and had issue, 3 sons and 6 daughters.
- (3) Penelope Patterson, m 24 August 1826 Levin Moore, and had issue.
- (4) Joseph Patterson (b 1815), m 23 January 1834 Elizabeth S. Lowe.
- (5) Frances T. Patterson (1817-ante 1845), m 22 January 1833 Simon Godard (b 1811, N. C.), and had issue.
- (6) Mary W. Patterson (b 1820), put under guardianship of her brother Herndon Patterson in 1853, when she was declared insane.

#154 WILLIAM HERNDON [21 John] accompanied his brother Pomfrett to Franklin County, Tenn., and there he purchased 100 acres from John Davis for \$300 on 31 October 1814, the same day that his nephew Pomfrett purchased a 300 acre tract from Reuben Jordan for \$1,500.¹ William Herndon, "being sick and weakly", made his Will 18 January 1822.² From it we learn that his wife ELIZABETH was named executrix along with the sons, William and Alvin, named executors, and that there were three daughters also, as mentioned below.

Children of William and Elizabeth Herndon:

714 WILLIAM HERNDON, who was authorized in his father's final illness to sign his Will for him; sold his Franklin County land in 1835 to F. A. Loughmiller, it being $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Winchester on the State road from Winchester to McMinnville.³

715 ALVIN HERNDON.

716 daughter m ——— O'KELLEY; she was dead when her father made his Will but her husband was then living as were their daughters, Betsy J. O'Kelley and Coney O'Kelley.

717 KEZIAH HERNDON m ——— HERRING.

718 MARY HERNDON m ——— HERRING.

⁶ In the 1850 Jones County, Ga., census, his age was given as 74 years, his wife's as 70 years, and their place of birth, North Carolina.

¹ *Franklin County Deed Book J*: 201 for both deeds.

² Date and place of recordation not stated in letter from J. R. Tipps, Clerk of the Franklin County Court, in letter dated 17 December 1935.

³ *Franklin County Deed Book W*: 510. The date was blurred and the Register of Deeds, T. W. Prince, reported in note date 17 December 1935 that it might be 1855 instead of 1835.

#163 REUBEN HERNDON [24 Jacob] was born in 1759 or 1760 in Charlotte County, Va.; doubtless accompanied his parents to Orange County, N. C.; and returned with them to the family home in Charlotte County, Va. He married at Mossy Ford Meeting House on Twittys Creek, Charlotte County, FRANCES CANADY (born 6 June 1765). The date of the marriage was reported as 6 November 1788 in the records at Charlotte Courthouse and as 11 November 1787 in her pension papers. Her family name was also variously spelled as Kennedy, Kennady, Canada, etc.

In the files of The Adjutant General's Office (Old Records Section), Department of the Army, in The National Archives Building, Washington, D. C., the name of this REUBEN HERNDON appears on "A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781." It shows that the sum of £31 18s 8d was received in his behalf by Paul Carrington, Jr., on 5 April 1787.¹

During the Revolution REUBEN HERNDON was in service for three years from about May 1778; for about 18 months as a private in Captain Adam Wallace's Company under Col. Parker and later under Col. Bluford; was taken prisoner at Hanging Rock at the time of Bluford's defeat and confined as a prisoner at Lunenburg Courthouse until released by Col. Carrington.²

Reuben Herndon was a member of the Methodist Church; his wife was a Baptist. They left Virginia after the birth of their seventh child and lived for a while in South Carolina where their son Enoch was born. Reuben died 11 March 1813 in that part of Franklin County which is now Coffee County, Tenn. In 1843 when she filed her claim for pension as the widow of a Revolutionary Soldier she was living at or near Chattanooga at the home of her daughter Jane George. She was allowed pension under the Acts of 7 July 1838, 3 March 1843, and 17 June 1844.² The date of her death has not been ascertained.

Children of Reuben Herndon and Frances Canady:

719 SARAH HERNDON (b 22 February 1791), died in infancy.

720 JAMES HERNDON (b 12 October 1792).

721 WILLIAM HERNDON (b 12 April 1795).

¹ As shown on Photostat of Virginia Claim #39, 744. He and his brother James are shown as infantry soldiers both in *Gwathmey*, 372, and in *Brumbaugh*, 246, as being on Army Register but as not having received any bounty lands by 1835.

² Pension File of Frances Herndon: W-11, 275.

- 722 JOHN HERNDON (b 19 October 1797).
- 723 ELIJAH HERNDON (b 26 September 1799), m SARAH ———; lived in Cherokee County, Ga., in 1850, with his wife, and children named Sarah E., Lucinda, Martha, John, William O. W., and Mary J. Herndon.
- 724 JACOB HERNDON (b October 1801).
- 725 REUBEN HERNDON (b 9 February 1804 in Va., d 26 December 1867 in Johnson Co., Texas) m in Greenville, Meriwether County, Ga., 15 January 1830 ANNA HOBBS (b 2 January 1811, Fayetteville, N. C.; d 17 September 1890, Denton, Texas) daughter of D. L. and W. I. Hobbs. He left Virginia shortly after his father's death and lived for some years with his mother in South Carolina. In 1826 he went to Florida and in 1828 to Georgia. In 1830 he settled in Rome, Ga., where he was a planter and remained there until 1852 when he and his family removed to Wood County, Texas. After his death his widow made her home in Tyler, Texas. They had 2 sons and 2 daughters all born in Rome, Ga.:³
- (1) James Monroe Herndon (b 28 October 1830; d 22 December 1863, Van Sycle, Hunt Co., Texas), m at Greenville, Texas 17 December 1857 Jane Dorcas Ward (d 14 Dec 1840); issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.
 - (2) Frances Herndon (b 8 Feb 1833; d 20 September 1833).
 - (3) William Smith Herndon (b 27 Nov 1835; d 11 October 1903, Albuquerque, New Mexico), m in Henderson County, Texas 11 November 1860 Mary Louise McKellar (b 11 Nov 1840, Perry County, Ala.) daughter of Alexander McKellar and Christine Graham; issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters. He was twice elected to Congress as a Representative from Texas, serving from 1871 to 1875.⁴
 - (4) Mary Ann Herndon (b 17 September 1838; d 1 June 1893 San Antonio, Texas) m 1 January 1874 William S. Parker (b 7 September 1842, Toronto, Canada; d 13 September 1900; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- 726 ENOCH HERNDON (b 7 February 1806) m 1st about 1828 SUSANNAH M——, (b 1806, South Carolina, d bet. 1853 and 1860 Georgia); issue, 8 sons and 5 daughters:
- (1) Reuben Herndon m Julia Ann Cochran.
 - (2) William Herndon (b 1831).
 - (3) John F. Herndon m Isabella ———; issue.
 - (4) Martha E. Herndon (b 1834).
 - (5) Sarah Jane Herndon (b 1836).
 - (6) Joshua C. Herndon (b 1838).
 - (7) Enoch M. Herndon (1840-1862), died in Confederate Army Service.
 - (8) Naomi Herndon (b 1842).
 - (9) Uriah H. Herndon (1844-1863) died in Confederate Army Service.
 - (10) David Herndon (b 1846).
 - (11) Thomas J. Herndon (b 1848).
 - (12) Elizabeth Herndon (b 1849).
 - (13) Susannah Herndon (b 1853).

³ All dates herein given applicable to Reuben Herndon and his descendants furnished by a member of his family in response to request dated 1904.

⁴ *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1927*: 1092.

ENOCH HERNDON lived in Murray County, Georgia, 1850, but by 1860 had removed to Wildcat District, near Canton, Cherokee County, Ga., and had married secondly by that date TABITHA ——— (b 1824, Georgia), by whom he had no issue.

727 JANE HERNDON (b 25 November 1809) m ——— GEORGE; and lived in Hamilton County, Tennessee in 1843.

#164 JAMES HERNDON [24 Jacob] was born about 1762 in Orange County, N. C., but returned to Charlotte County, Va., his grandfather's home, with his father sometime before the Revolution.

The following abstract of his Revolutionary service has been prepared from data in his Pension File: ¹

He enlisted in May 1770 in Charlotte County, Va., and served thirteen months as a private in a company commanded by Captain Taliaferro and Lieutenant Stubblefield, in Colonel Parker's regiment; was in action at Petersburg, Va.; marched to Charleston, S. C., where his company joined the Army of General Lincoln and surrendered with him when Charleston was taken by the enemy; and was left about 100 miles from Charleston with others all of whom were sick, as was he also. Before James Herndon recovered, Col. Parker had surrendered.

As he was anxious to serve his country again, he then attached himself to Capt. Adam Wallace's company. His new regimental commander was Col. Bluford who moved his forces toward Camden, S. C., until he came to the Santee within fifty or sixty miles of Charleston. Colonel Bluford, finding that the American Army under General Lincoln had surrendered and deciding that it would be folly for him with a single regiment to march against all the forces of the enemy, began to retreat through Camden. The enemy pursued him to the upper part of South Carolina, and a little further on near the Hanging Rock the British overtook and defeated him.

James Herndon was not in that battle, as he had been placed to guard the ammunition wagons that day, and narrowly made his escape. He was again attacked with fever, ague, and was ill for several months. On recovering he went to Chesterfield Court House, Va., where he joined Col. William Davidson. There he remained until his term of service expired and he was discharged.

Two months later he was again in the service, having been drafted to serve three months under Captain Richard Gaines in Col. Thomas Fleming's regiment. He marched from Charlotte Court House to Petersburg, thence to Suffolk, and thence to Long Bridge where the British had a garrison. His outfit returned to Suffolk, where he was discharged by General Muhlenburg. Then he returned home.

He was again drafted and attached to Capt. Joseph Fuguernay's company and marched from Charlotte Court House to Williamsburg and served until a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in October 1781.

¹ Pension File of James Herndon: S-1,669.

From the same source we learn that after returning to Charlotte County, James Herndon lived there 18 to 20 years, then two years in Rowan County, N. C., then five years in Iredell County, N. C., then five years in Carter County in east Tennessee, then eight years in Washington County, Va., and thereafter in Warren County, Tenn., where he was living when he filed his claim for a pension 4 October 1832.

Late in 1781—shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis—JAMES HERNDON married SUSAN ———, who was born in Virginia in 1763. He died 1 October 1833 at his residence "Wilson's Hill", Rutherford County, Tennessee. His widow was living in Warren County, Tenn., in 1850.

The records of the Adjutant General's Office show² that JAMES HERNDON's name was on "A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781", it being noted that the sum of £35 3s. 4d. was received on his behalf by Walthall Holcombe on 3 August 1786.

Children of James and Susan Herndon:

728 JOHN HERNDON (b 1782) m ——— WEST, and had issue:

- (1) Lindsay Herndon, married and lived near Statesville, Tenn.
- (2) Ruth Herndon m Gobe Lince.

729 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b 1783).

730 LEE HERNDON (b 1785) m ———; lived in Alabama; had issue: Richard, Reuben, Thomas, Zeptha, and Abraham Herndon.

731 JACOB CELLARS HERNDON³ (b 1787, Charlotte County, Va.; d 1878 at his home 9 miles from McMinnville, Tenn.) enlisted in the Fifth Virginia Regiment in Washington County, Va., 1 September 1813 and honorably discharged at Norfolk, Va., 11 March 1814; m 1st in 1817 JANE WEST (b N. C.; d 7 March 1840 Warren County, Tenn.), daughter of William C. West, a soldier of the American Revolution, and had issue, born Warren County, Tenn., as follows:⁴

- (1) John Lankford Herndon (b 1818; d 5 October 1885, Lebanon, Mo.) m in Pulaski County, Mo., 1845 Flora Ann Barnes (b 1828, Warren County, Tenn.; d 6 April 1870, Lebanon, Mo.); issue, 2 daughters.
- (2) James M. Herndon (1821-1898) m 1st Sarah Woodall, had 6 sons, 2 daughters; m 2ndly ——— Elkins.
- (3) Melinda J. Herndon, m ——— Monohan.

² See Footnote 1, page 42.

³ He was named for a clergyman whose name was spelled in some accounts Jacobs Cellars and in others Jacob Sellars.

⁴ Much of the data concerning his family was furnished the compiler by Hon. George Herndon Bradfield, of Greeley, Colorado, a grandson of John Lankford Herndon.

- (4) Susan Herndon, m William C. Barnes.
 - (5) name not known to compiler.
 - (6) Marion Jasper Herndon (b 1831; d 6 Feb. 1864) enlisted 12 August 1861 as a private in Co. A, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry; honorably discharged 13 March 1863) m in LaCleda Co., Mo., 3 August 1856 Susanna A ——— (b 1836) and had issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter. His widow who received a Federal pension because of his services⁵ m 2nd 30 December 1866 Elisha Knox.
 - (7) Nancy A. Herndon (b 1832) m in Warren County, Tenn. 3 December 1853 Nicholas H. Williamson.
 - (8) Elizabeth Herndon (b 1833) m John Leach.
 - (9) Ruth Herndon (b 1835) m in Warren County, Tenn. 14 December 1853 Eli Jones.
 - (10) Robert W. Herndon (b 5 August 1837) m 19 May 1860 Mary Ann Akers (b 1843), daughter of William Akers; issue, 2 sons and 3 daughters in 1870.
 - (11) Joseph Manning Herndon (b 7 November 1838, Gallatin, Tenn.; d 17 April 1925, Lebanon, Mo.) commissioned First Lieut., 15th Regular Cavalry, Missouri Volunteers, U. S. A.; began service at Springfield, Mo., promoted to an adjutancy; honorably discharged 1 July 1865; m in Lebanon, Mo., 24 December 1867 Frances Keziah Vernon (b 4 May 1851, Linn Creek, Camden County, Mo.; d August 1929, Lebanon, Mo.) and had issue, 8 sons and 3 daughters. Joseph Manning Herndon, a lawyer by profession and a Democrat in politics, held several political offices.
 - (12) Huldah Herndon m 13 October 1860 W. B. Ricks.
- JACOB CELLARS HERNDON remained a widower for nearly 10 years. On 11 January 1850 he married in Warren County, Tenn., as his 2nd wife, CHARLOTTE BROWN (b 1831; d 29 November 1899), of Smarts Station, Tenn. She received a widow's pension on account of his services during the War of 1812. As they had the issue listed below, he became the father of 26 children:
- (13) Charlotte Herndon (b 1850) m John W. Leach. Whether he was identical with the John Leach who m her half-sister Elizabeth, we do not know.
 - (14) Mary F. Herndon (b 1852).
 - (15) Frances Herndon (b 1854).
 - (16) William C. Herndon (b 1856).
 - (17) Jacob A. Herndon (b 1858).
 - (18) Sarah T. Herndon (b 1859).
 - (19) Benjamin Herndon (b 1861).
 - (20) Rebecca J. Herndon (b 1863).
 - (21) Florence Herndon (b 1864).
 - (22) Lucinda J. Herndon m James W. Eastwood, lived in Wopanucka, Okla., and had issue, 1 daughter.
 - (23) Charles Herndon (b 1867).
 - (24) name not known to compiler.

⁵ One statement is that he was killed during the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark.

- (25) Eva A. Herndon (b 1870).
 (26) name not known to compiler.
- 732 REUBEN HERNDON (b ca 1789) m PATSY CROSS; lived in Warren, Rutherford, and Cannon Counties, Tenn.; had issue: Samuel, Lee, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary (m Green Laho), Jane, Patsy and James Herndon.
- 733 ROBERT HERNDON (b ca 1791, d Rutherford County, Tenn.) m NANCY FOX, and had issue: Elizabeth, Amanda, James, William, Robert, Sarah Herndon and another son and daughter.
- 734 Daughter (b 1793).
- 735 WILLIAM HERNDON (b ca 1795, d post 1850) m in Warren County, Tenn., 11 October 1818 ELIZABETH HARBIN (b 1800, North Carolina, d 11 October 1868, Wilson County, Tenn.) and had issue, 6 sons and 2 daughters; all born in Warren County, Tenn.⁶
- (1) George Washington Herndon (ca 1819-1891), m ———, and lived in Putnam County, Tenn.
 - (2) James H. Herndon m Nancy McKee; issue, including at least 2 daughters.
 - (3) William Herndon m 1st, Polly Brandon, and had issue; m 2ndly ——— in Arkansas.
 - (4) Minerva Angelina Herndon (b 2 September 1827; d 4 October 1875, buried in Cook Cemetery, near Milton, Tenn.
 - (5) Joshua Herndon (1829-1833).
 - (6) Jacob Cellars Herndon (b 14 February 1833; d 1905) m Martha Eliza Baxter (1827-1904), daughter of John H. Baxter, of Milton, Rutherford County, Tenn.; issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter.
 - (7) Eliza Jane Herndon.
 - (8) John L. Herndon.
- 736 JAMES HERNDON (b 1797).
 737 DAVID HERNDON (b 1799).
 738 JOSEPH HERNDON (b 1801).

#165 JOHN HERNDON [24 Jacob] was born about 1766 and lived in Charlotte County, Va., where 19 April 1788 a bond for his marriage to JENSEY, daughter of John KENNADY (CANADY), was issued, with William Briant as security. The officiating minister, Reverend Edward Almond, certified that the ceremony was performed 28 April 1788. John Herndon continued to live in Charlotte County until 1795 when his name appeared on the tax lists for the last time.

Hon. William Smith Herndon, of Tyler, Texas, in one letter concerning his own ancestry, incorrectly mentioned John and Mary (Can-

⁶ Most of the data on this family was furnished by Reverend John Rankin Herndon (b 22 Aug. 1862), a son of Jacob Cellars Herndon (1833-1905), under date of 24 October 1892 in response to a request for it from Thomas H. Herndon, then of Birmingham, Alabama, later of Washington, D. C. These data are now in the possession of the compiler.

ada) Herndon as his great-grandparents and listed their children as Reuben, John, Jacob, William, Benjamin, Elijah, Enoch and Jane. The subsequent publication of that statement, together with the further one that John served in the American Revolutionary Forces, has caused the incorrect listing of the above-mentioned persons as children of the subject of this sketch. The fact is that Reuben (not John) was the grandfather of Representative William S. Herndon. The children mentioned correspond almost exactly with the correct list of the children of Reuben Herndon who did have military service during the American Revolution, and whose widow Frances was a sister of Jensey Canady, wife of John Herndon.

Further information concerning John Herndon is lacking.

#170 WILLIAM HERNDON [27 Joseph] was born about 1770 in Charlotte County, Va. About 1800 he removed to Winchester, Ky. There he acquired a large amount of land and developed a substantial plantation worked by slave labor. In 1801 he married CATHERINE WINN (born there, 1782), one of the daughters of George Winn whose Will was dated 15 June 1801 in Fayette County, Ky. (Another of the daughters of George Winn was Nancy who married Samuel Clay). Henry Clay was attorney for Wm. Redmond in a suit which he brought against Lettice Winn, widow of George Winn; George Winn, their son; Edward R. Bradley, whose wife was Elizabeth Winn; Samuel Clay, William Herndon, et al.)

William Herndon was commissioned Major in the Kentucky troops 2 May 1815.¹ He and his wife died in 1850.

Children of William Herndon and Catherine Winn:

739 JOHN HERNDON, b 1802.

740 GEORGE HERNDON (b ca 1804 Winchester, Ky.; d 1863) m in Clark County, Ky., 16 July 1829 PAMELA CURTIS (d ante 1863), and had issue, 1 son:

(1) Dr. James Pollock Herndon (b 1835; d 1891, Richmond, Ky.) m 1st, in Mason County, Ky., 1 May 1856 Laura V. Moss (b 1838), daughter of Bellville Moss; and had issue, a son Bellville Moss Herndon. Dr. J. P. Herndon m 2nd, in Madison County, Ky., 18 Nov. 1874 Mary Lee Jones, and had by her no issue. After his death she went as a Presbyterian missionary to Korea and is buried there. His Will, dated 12 May 1887, was probated 7 December 1891.²

¹ 22 *Register of Ky. Hist. Soc.* 137.

² *Madison County Will Book* #2; 32.

- 741 ELIZABETH HERNDON (ca 1806-ca 1894) m 10 March 1825 JOHN P. STUBBLEFIELD (d ca 1865) and had issue:
- (1) Robert Stubblefield, d ca 1855, unm.
 - (2) William Stubblefield, d post 1901, unm.
 - (3) Elijah Herndon Stubblefield, d post 1901, unm.
 - (4) Benjamin Beverley Stubblefield, d post 1901, unm.
 - (5) John P. Stubblefield m ———; lived in Ashland, Ky.; issue.
 - (6) Susan Stubblefield m Dr. Austin of Hallsville, Mo.
 - (7) Catherine Stubblefield m ——— Oliver; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
 - (8) Betty Stubblefield m ——— Boden; lived at Winchester, Ky.
 - (9) Sally Stubblefield m ——— Reid; lived at Winchester, Ky.
- 742 PATRICK HENRY HERNDON.
- 743 SARAH HERNDON, m in Winchester, Ky., 3 October 1826 WILLIAM FEEMSTER, and had issue:
- (1) Mary Feemster m ——— Divin; lived in Centralia, Boone County, Mo.; had issue, 1 son, Clarence Divin, a Congregational minister.
- 744 ELIJAH HERNDON (b 8 January 1812, Winchester; d 7 November 1876 near Whiting, Kansas) moved 1840 to Estill County, Ky.: farmer, merchant, and sheriff there six years, living at Irvine; moved 1853 to Millers Creek, Estill County, where he owned and operated a saw mill and grist mill; in 1862 elected Clerk of the Estill County Circuit Court; in 1869 removed to Kansas; had married in Clark County, Ky., 20 September 1837 ANN P. CROSSWAIT (b 1815, Cynthiana, Ky.; d 26 October 1892 near Weston, Mo.) and had issue:
- (1) Fannie C. Herndon (b 1841; d 1 October 1900, Weston, Mo.) m 25 December 1860 James Benton (d February 1888, Irvine, Ky.).
 - (2) William Herndon (b 10 January 1843, Irvine, Ky.; d 10 September 19..) m 3 July 1873, Helen Kinnaird (d 3 July 1898, Lancaster, Ky.), daughter of William H. Kinnaird and his wife, Patsy McKee; had issue, 4 sons and 1 daughter. William Herndon was a Captain in the U.S. Army under General Rosencrans during the Civil War; deputy collector of Internal Revenue many years; Commonwealth Attorney from 1886-92; and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the bar of Garrard County; Republican; Presbyterian; Mason.
 - (3) John Miles Herndon (b 1 May 1845, Irvine, Ky.; d 27 February 1929, St. Joseph, Mo.; buried at DeKalb, Mo., his home); m in Platte County, Mo. 3 November 1875, Missouri Ann Cardwell (b 5 October 1851, Buchanan Co., Mo.; d 13 February 1921); daughter of Samuel Cardwell and his wife, Mary J. Farrell; had issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters. He received a pension for his service in the Union Army.
 - (4) James S. Herndon (d 1918); lived at Upper Glade, W. Va.; unm.
 - (5) Henry Clay Herndon (b August 1849; d 1909, Lexington, Ky.); m Nannie Johnson; lived at Catlettsburg, Ky.
 - (6) Betty S. Herndon (d March 1893 near Harrigan, Tenn.); m 29 September 1879 Samuel M. Peacock, of Lancaster, Ky.; and had 4 sons and 2 daughters.

#171 JOHN HERNDON [27 Joseph] was born in 1774 in Charlotte County, Va. There he married 12 December 1805 ELIZABETH MEALER (b 10 December 1781). Their marriage bond was dated 2 December 1805, the surety being Francis Roberts, John Herndon's brother-in-law. Reverend Edward Almond performed the ceremony.

The name of this John Herndon first appeared upon the Charlotte County personal tax lists in the assessment of 6 April 1795 when he was reported as owning one cow.

A deed from John Herndon and Elizabeth his wife to Hezekiah McCargo dated 21 July 1809 conveyed their interest in 407 acres purchased by Joseph Herndon, father of John, from John Rawlings. This property was located on the south side of Reynolds Creek. The deed was recorded 28 October 1809.¹ The above-mentioned property was that of which Joseph had died possessed and which he had directed by his Will should be divided among his four sons and his wife Mary Magdelene Herndon.

On 27 January 1813 he mortgaged his interests in the land which he had inherited from his father Joseph Herndon, situated between the waters of Cargills and Hogans Creek, to John G. Bacon and Hillery Goode as trustees to pay Francis Roberts £26 8s 6d and interest.² Four years later John Herndon and Elizabeth his wife joined in a deed conveying the above-mentioned property, 166¾ acres, to Paul C. Jeffries for a consideration of £146 13s 4d.³

As early as 5 March 1803 John Herndon had purchased from Thomas Beatty for £70, North Carolina currency, 84 acres on Beaver Dam Creek and on the west side of the Catawba River in Lincoln County, N. C.⁴ He sold this property 22 August 1810 to Henry Conner for £44 6s.⁵ It doesn't appear, however, that John Herndon ever moved to Lincoln County, though certain others of the family lived there for a while.

In 1819 John and Elizabeth Herndon located in Rutherford County, and later in Cleveland County, N. C. His home place was situated about 6 miles north of Shelby. There he died in 1851 and was buried on his plantation. His wife Elizabeth (Mealer) Herndon, after the death of her husband, made her home with her son Joseph who was then living in

¹ *Charlotte County Deed Book 11*: 211.

² *Charlotte County Deed Book 12*: 203.

³ *Charlotte County Deed Book 14*: 124.

⁴ *Lincoln County Deed Book 21*: 122.

⁵ *Lincoln County Deed Book 26*: 72.

Yorkville (now York), South Carolina. There she died 19 April 1860 and is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery of that place.⁶

Children of John Herndon and Elizabeth Mealer:

745 JOSEPH HERNDON (b November 1806, Charlotte County, Va.; d 13 April 1892, York, S. C.) m 1st in Lincoln County, N. C., 28 November 1839 ELIZABETH SOPHIA GRAHAM; issue:

(1) Sophia Jane Herndon (b 9 September 1840; d 4 March 1907) m Capt. William Andrew Elam, CSA (b 5 Feb. 1832; d 5 April 1915), of Baskerville, Mecklenburg County, Va.; issue, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

He married 2ndly 1845, AMANDA ISABELLA HENRY, of Chester County, S. C. (b 1822, Henrys Knob, N. C.; d December 1865 York, S. C.); issue.

(2) Margaret Emeline Herndon (b 14 December 1848; d 21 September 1907) m March 1882 Dr. Edmund Jackson Camp, of Gainesville, Ga. (who served in CSA under General Longstreet); issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.

(3) William Henry Herndon (b 21 October 1850, Chester, S. C.;⁷ d 4 August 1914, Chester, S. C.) lived 42 years in York, S. C., where he was a merchant known for his straight-forward business policies and exemplary Christian life; m 1st, 31 October 1877 Mary Susan Crenshaw (b 17 April 1852; d 22 April 1892) of Yorkville, S. C., and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters; m 2ndly, 14 July 1894 Jeannette Davidson, and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

(4) James Pinckney Herndon (b 1852) left York, S. C., 1879, m ——— in Caddo, Indian Territory, and died shortly thereafter, 27 March 1886 in San Antonio, Texas.

(5) Julia Elizabeth Herndon (b April 1853; d 8 July 1929) m October 1878 William Henry Elam, of Mecklenburg County, Va.; dsp.

(6) Robert Joseph Herndon (b 15 January 1858; d 19 January 1932) m 24 January 1888 Mary Davis Fant (b 29 January 1866; d 5 Feb. 1915; buried Rose Hill Cemetery, York, S. C.); issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

746 WILLIAM HERNDON (b 23 March 1808, Charlotte County, Va.; d 19 April 1877) m DALENA LANKFORD (1828-1924), lived near White Plains, N. C.; issue:

(1) George Wallace Herndon (b 1850).

(2) John Lawson Herndon (b 13 August 1851; d 18 December 1935, Kanapolis, N. C.) m 1st, 15 January 1891 Margaret E. Patterson, and had issue, 3 sons and 6 daughters; m 2ndly, Mary Hamnet; m 3rdly 15 June 1918 Mary Goode.

⁶ Most of the dates of birth, death, and marriage here recorded, including those of the children and grandchildren, were furnished the compiler when he was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Durham Herndon, Kings Mountain, N. C. in 1939, and by Mrs. Beulah Herndon Parker, Shelby, N. C., in reports dated 5 December 1936 and 29 March 1939, and by letters from Mrs. Robert Coleman Jeter, of Chester, S. C., dated 8 June 1937 and 1 January 1938.

⁷ One correspondent says "born October 22, 1850 in Yorkville, S. C."

- (3) Thomas B. Herndon (b 1856), lived 1936 Hugo, Okla.
- (4) John Joseph Benjamin Herndon (b 1859).
- (5) James A. Herndon (b 1863), lived 1939 Kirbyville, Texas.

747 GEORGE HERNDON (b 6 October 1810, Charlotte County, Va.; d 12 December 1879, Cleveland County, N. C.) m in Cleveland County, N. C., 21 June 1842 MARY CARRUTH GRAHAM, sister of Elizabeth Sophia Graham, above mentioned. Mary C. Graham was born 12 January 1822, Cleveland County, N. C.; and died 15 February 1904.⁸ Their children were:

- (1) Elizabeth Sarah Herndon (b 27 May 1843; d 29 February 1908) m 28 October 1868 Marion Logan (b 19 October 1844; d 26 July 1889); and had 5 sons and 4 daughters.
- (2) Mary Eliza Herndon (b 11 August 1844; d 31 March 1902) m 26 October 1873 Marcus L. Ware (d January 1930); had 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (3) William Henry Herndon (b 16 May 1846; d 7 June 1903) m 21 December 1869 Emma L. Logan (b 12 October 1854; d 6 October 1893); and had 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (4) John Graham Herndon (b 20 December 1848; d February 1928 at Grover, N. C.) m 9 January 1879 Cordova Malinda Blanton (b 4 March 1856) who celebrated her 83rd birthday "working on her quilts"; had issue, 4 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Arthur Henderson Herndon (b 26 September 1849; d 20 May 1902) m 22 September 1874 M. Jane Poston (d 1926); had issue, 5 sons and 2 daughters.
- (6) George Carruth Herndon (b 18 March 1852; d 6 August 1924) m 1st, 22 November 1872 Eliza Bird (b 6 May 1854; d 7 May 1897) and had issue; 6 sons and 6 daughters, all born in Cleveland County, N. C.; m 2ndly, 14 August 1904 Martha Carroll, and lived successively thereafter in Blacksburg, S. C., Chase City, Va., and Union Level, Va.
- (7) Joseph Franklin Herndon (b 14 December 1853; d 1 February 1926) m 24 September 1875 Agnes Falls (b 18 November 1859; d 28 February 1932), lived in Cleveland County, N. C. until about 1905 and thereafter in Chase City, Va.; had issue, 8 sons and 5 daughters.
- (8) Walter Anthony Herndon (b 5 October 1855; d 25 January 1923) m 1 September 1885 Angeline Pratt Fulton (b 13 December 1869; living in 1939); had issue, 4 sons and 7 daughters.
- (9) Ann Sophia F. Herndon (b 9 August 1857; d 23 March 1893) m 13 February 1879 John Poston (d September 1931); lived in the Elizabeth Church neighborhood near Shelby, N. C.; had issue, 3 daughters.
- (10) Caroline A. Herndon (b 3 January 1861) m 5 December 1888 Sumpter C. Ratterree (b 4 September 1865); had issue, 5 sons.

⁸ She and her husband are buried in the cemetery of the Bethlehem Baptist Church near Kings' Mountain. Their children, after the death of their father, donated to that church memorial windows in commemoration of his life of service in that community.

#172 JANE HERNDON [27 Joseph] was born in 1777 in Charlotte County, Va. There she married FRANCIS ROBERTS 9 February 1797 according to the return filed by Reverend Edward Almond, the officiating clergyman, but as their marriage bond was dated 6 October 1797, it is likely that the date of their marriage was instead 9 February 1798. Her husband was the son of Francis Roberts and his wife Mary Hatchett.

*Children of Francis Roberts and Jane Herndon:*¹

748 JOSEPH HERNDON ROBERTS m ELIZABETH LOCKETT, and had issue:

- (1) Elbert Roberts.
- (2) Jane Roberts m, as his second wife, Henry Harrison Roberts [758].
- (3) Margaret Roberts m Dr. L. P. Bailey.
- (4) George Jefferson Roberts.
- (5) Elizabeth Roberts m William H. Crafton.
- (6) Sarah Glenn Roberts.

749 JOHN ALEXANDER ROBERTS m ELIZABETH GREGORY, and had issue:

- (1) Mary Jane Roberts m James Wilson.
- (2) Francis George Roberts.

750 GEORGE JEFFERSON ROBERTS m MARTHA SMITH, and had issue:

- (1) Edward A. Roberts m Martha Goode.
- (2) George T. Roberts m Maria Boyd.
- (3) John A. Roberts m Louise Daniel.
- (4) Robert R. Roberts m 1st, Mary Jones; 2ndly, Constance ———.
- (5) Elizabeth A. Roberts m Richard Jones.

751 THEODORIC MACK ROBERTS m ANN ELIZA BURWELL, and had no issue.

752 WILLIAM THOMAS ROBERTS m MARTHA SAUNDERS, and had issue:

- (1) Louise Jane Roberts m M. E. Hardy.
- (2) Emma Susan Roberts.
- (3) John Wycliffe m Annie Nelson.
- (4) William Thomas Roberts m ———.
- (5) George Jefferson Roberts.
- (6) Robert Saunders Roberts.

753 ERASMUS FRANCIS ROBERTS m MATILDA JANE BOYD, and had issue:

- (1) Francis B. Roberts m Mary Scott Nelson.
- (2) Jennie Roberts.
- (3) Theodoric E. Roberts m 1st, Rosa Hughes; 2ndly, Bessie Anderson.
- (4) John Alexander Roberts m Gertrude Hayes.

754 BENJAMIN ARCHER ROBERTS m MARIA WILSON, and had issue:

- (1) Robert W. Roberts.
- (2) Clarinda Jane Roberts m Wm. J. Carroll.
- (3) Annie Eliza Roberts m 1st, Charles Hayes; 2ndly, Andrew Elam.
- (4) Maria Louise Roberts.
- (5) Benjamin Franklin Roberts.

¹ Mrs. R. C. (Anne Roberts) Griffith, Danielsville, Ga. furnished the compiler 15 March 1948 the record of the descendants of Francis Roberts and Jane Herndon, as here given, but without dates or places.

#175 SARAH HERNDON [27 Joseph] was born 1783 in Charlotte County, Va., and was married there 10 March 1803 on the family plantation, "Red Oak", to THOMAS ROBERTS. Their marriage bond was dated 7 March 1803. Francis Roberts who had married Jane Herndon was security for his brother. Reverend Edward Almond performed the ceremony.

*Children of Thomas Roberts and Sarah Herndon:*¹

755 FRANCIS ROBERTS.

756 ABRAHAM HERNDON ROBERTS m MARY BOOTH.

757 ALEXANDER ROBERTS m CATHERINE BROOKS.

758 HENRY HARRISON ROBERTS m first 1838 PAMELA A. WATSON at the old home of Capt. Benjamin Allen Watson, just outside Keysville, Va.; had issue:

(1) Benjamin Allen Roberts (b 29 July 1840) m 31 December 1879 Martha S. Lipscomb; had issue 2 sons and 2 daughters.

(2) Thomas Jefferson Roberts (b May 1842).

(3) Ella Roberts, died in infancy.

He married secondly JANE ROBERTS daughter of Joseph Herndon Roberts, [#748], and m thirdly MARY MURDEN.

759 SALLY ANN ROBERTS m WILLIAM WILSON.

760 MARY ELIZABETH ROBERTS m Capt. J. S. S. R. BURWELL.

#177 BENJAMIN HERNDON [27 Joseph] was first mentioned on the tax rolls of his native county, Charlotte, 12 March 1805 when he was listed as owning 2 slaves and 2 horses. His marriage bond was dated 23 June 1809, his brother-in-law Hezekiah McCargo being his security. Four days later Benjamin Herndon married CICELY NEAL, the Reverend Richard Dabbs officiating.

Benjamin was a member of the same militia company in 1811-13 as that in which his brother John Herndon and brother-in-law Young Brizentine served.¹

He purchased 9 July 1815 for \$500 an 80 acre tract belonging to his brother Elijah, which adjoined lands of his (Benjamin's), his brother William Herndon, James and John Hord, and Richard P. Finch.² At that time he was assessed on 8 slaves, 3 horses, and 8 cattle.

¹ Mrs. R. C. Griffith, Danielsville, Ga., furnished the compiler 29 August 1945 the record of the descendants of this couple as given here.

¹ From unindexed material furnished by the late William S. Morton, of Farmville, Va.

² *Charlotte County Deed Book 14*: 128.

By 1821 he and his family had removed to Rutherford County, N. C. There he purchased 6 June 1821 for \$800 260 acres on Brush Creek of the First Broad River from Lewis Camp and John Ford.³ Later that year he bought from Terrell L. Camp for \$400 91 more acres nearby.⁴

There Benjamin Herndon died. On 11 November 1835 his son Thomas Neal Herndon purchased the above lands from John Ford who had been appointed "guardian to the heirs of Benjamin Herndon deceased, petitioner."⁵

His widow, Cicely (Neal) Herndon, sold a negro slave to her daughter M. A. McKibben for \$500 on 4 May 1844.⁶ Cicely had two years earlier made a deed of gift⁷ "of one negro woman named Kitty and her three children, Leander, Elam, and Barry" . . . "for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have for my son Thomas N. Herndon" who was then living in Lincoln County, N. C.

Children of Benjamin Herndon and Cicely Neal:

761 THOMAS NEAL HERNDON (b 1812, Charlotte County, Va.; d ante 1860, of yellow fever, New Orleans, La.) m in Lincoln County, N. C., 31 March 1835 MARY GRAHAM HENDERSON (youngest child and only daughter among the 12 children of her parents), sister of James Pinckney Henderson, U. S. Senator from Texas, Thomas Neal Herndon, a lawyer, was appointed Consul of the U. S. at Galveston in the Republic of Texas and began his duties there 22 May 1845.⁸ On the admission of Texas into the Union, he was without a job and was strongly endorsed for "employment under the General Government." He was a strong supporter in 1844 of James Buchanan for the Democratic Party's nomination to the Presidency. He was later a planter, with his home near Canton, Mississippi. His widow, in the 1860 Census of Madison County, Miss., was listed as 45 years of age, born in North Carolina, with real estate valued at \$11,000, and personal property of \$20,000. Living with her were 4 of her children and also her nephew, H. L. F. Henderson, owner of slaves valued at \$49,450 at that time. The children were 3 sons and 2 daughters:

- (1) Thomas L. Herndon, (b 1838, N. C.)
- (2) Elizabeth Herndon.
- (3) Benjamin Pinckney Herndon (b 1842, N. C.) lived at Terry, Miss.
- (4) George Logan Carruth Herndon (b 5 Dec. 1845, Lincolnton, N. C.; d 13 November 1905 Greenville, Miss.) C. S. A., m 29 October 1867

³ *Rutherford County Deed Book* 32-33: 460.

⁴ *Rutherford County Deed Book* 35: 268.

⁵ *Rutherford County Deed Book* 41-42: 347.

⁶ *Rutherford County Deed Book* 45: 124.

⁷ *Lincoln County Deed Book* 39: 400, 26 August 1842.

⁸ State Department Archives, The National Archives Building, Washington, D. C.

Ophelia Lucy Earnheart (b 1 January 1849, Charleston, Illinois; d 9 March 1928, Alligator, Miss.) graduate of Rev. Carter Page's Institute for Young Ladies, Jefferson County, Ky. G. L. C. Herndon ran away from Mississippi College to enlist in the Confederate Army. Issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.⁹

(5) Mary W. Herndon (b 1849) m 10 January 1865 J. L. Dickerson.

762 JOHN JOSEPH HERNDON (b 1 March 1818, Va.; d 5 April 1881, Laurenborg, N. C.) m in Rutherford County, N. C., 11 May 1841 JULIANA M. FIELD (b 18 January 1816; d 12 August 1891), daughter of Hon. Orrin Field (1792-1882) and his first wife Maria Alvord (1797-1826), of Cornwall, Vermont. John Joseph Herndon, later Colonel, was a farmer and dentist of Rutherford County. Children were:¹⁰

(1) Benjamin Orin Herndon (b 28 May 1842; d 21 February 1890) m 25 June 1865 Elizabeth Adams; issue, 1 son and 5 daughters.¹¹

(2) Maria Neal Herndon (b 14 January 1844) m 23 February 1871 Benjamin Franklin McGregor; had 2 children.

(3) John Joseph Herndon, born Cornwall, Vermont; resided, Conclane, N. C., unm.

763 MARY A. HERNDON m 11 January 1841 MARCUS A. MCKIBBEN.

⁹ This information furnished by Mrs. Winfred Edwin (Eunice Earnheart Herndon) Gray, Granville, Miss., in a letter dated 2 March 1937.

¹⁰ See *Field Genealogy* for his Field Ancestry.

¹¹ On 16 August 1950 we received from Mrs. William Thomas Herndon, Bennettsville, S. C., the loan of an interesting letter written by Cecily Herndon, dated August 10th 1846, York District, addressed to her son "Col. John J. Herndon, Cornwall, Vermont." It was posted August 11th at the Sandersville post-office, marked "Mail", and 10 cents postage was paid. It mentions her little grandson, B. O. [Benjamin Orin] Herndon, for whom "Gamma is knitting his socks"; her son Thomas [Thomas Neal] Herndon; her daughter Mary Mc [McKibben]; her son-in-law, Mr. McK. [M. A. McKibben] "who would assist you in getting back [to North Carolina] and do all in his power for you when you come"; her daughter-in-law "Julina" [Juliana M. Field, the "Yankee schoolteacher" whose charm and beauty of character won her the affection of the people of the North Carolina neighborhood where she went as a young woman and the constant love of John Joseph Herndon who married her] to whom her mother-in-law wrote, "Oh Julina, how often by the eye of faith I see you wearied by the business of the day and no one to attend your babies while you take a little repose"; her son, concerning whom she wrote, "I see my J. J. come in, dripping with perspiration and afraid to lie down and take his rest, for fear he will drop to sleep and lose a few moments labour; this is nonsense."; her neighbour, William Cabiness whose father had recently died and left by his Will all his property to his wife "and his last children" and that she expects that the Will "will be set over"; her son's "Aunt Brizendine" whose husband Young Brizendine has sold a slave named Henry to George Herndon [#747]; John Ford who "has nearly got thru his difficultys after paying five thousand dollars security money"; and Mrs. Henderson who was doubtless the mother of Thomas Neal Herndon's wife; and "Sister Camp" who was probably wife of Terrill L. Camp or Lewis Camp, mentioned on page 55. Mrs. Herndon also advised us that her husband "has a book written by Col. John J. Herndon on the tides, supposed to be quite authentic and valuable."

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